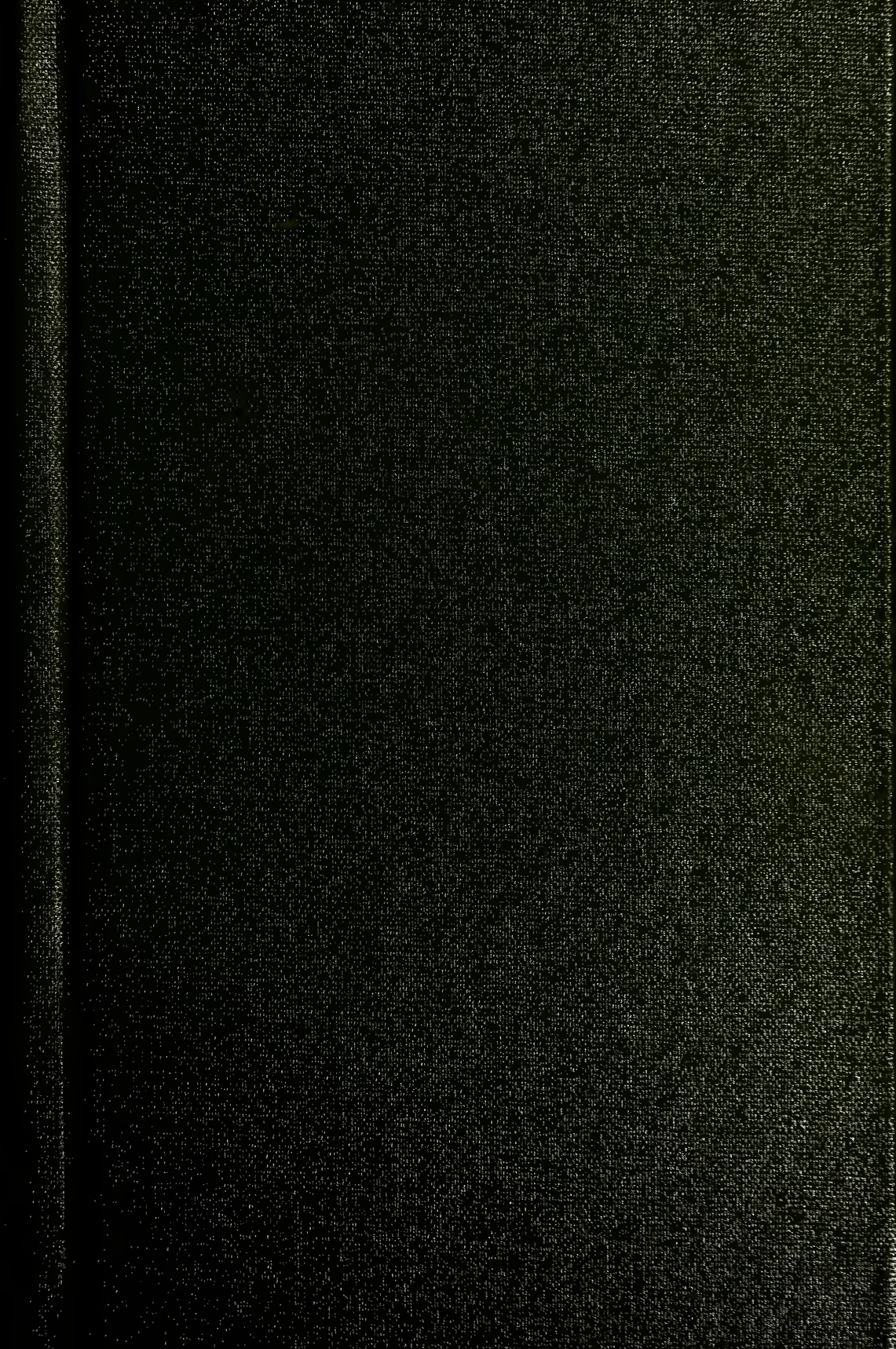
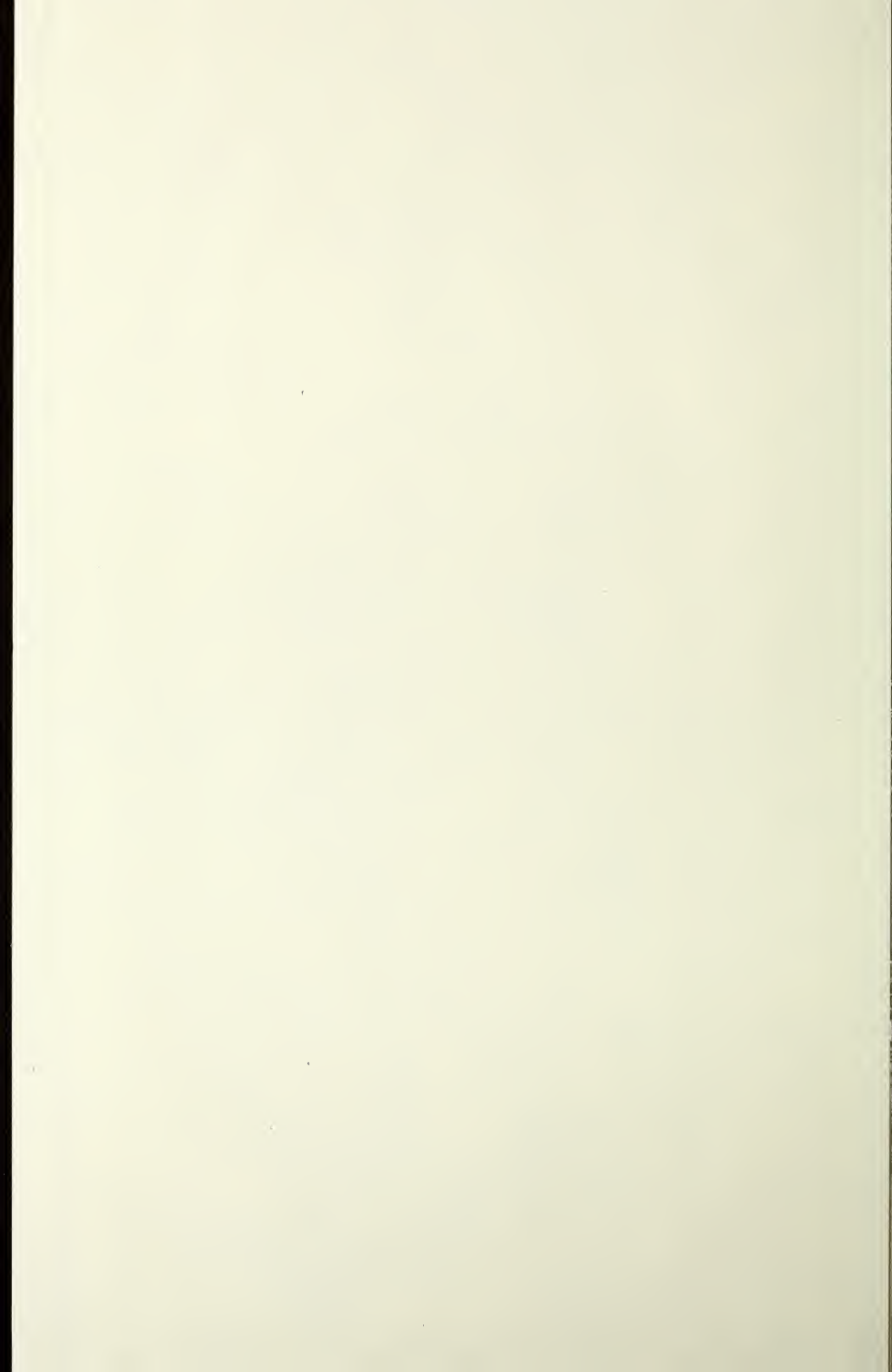






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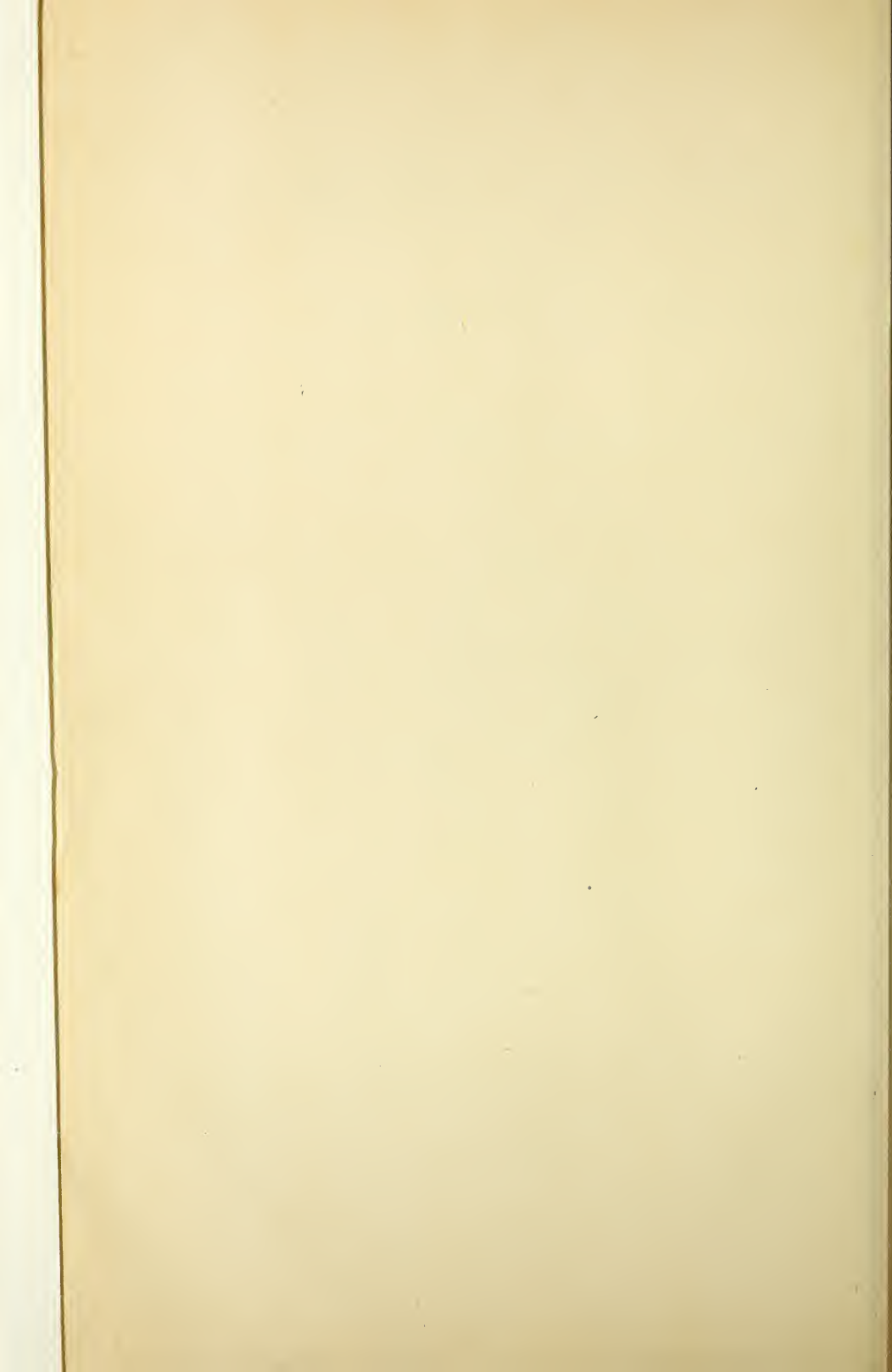
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1927.

There were three Town Meetings held during the year 1927.
(In the following reports of Town Meetings it is a synopsis from records of each meeting).

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 7, 1927.

Article 1.

Arno E. Hurd was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

(To hear the report of any committee)
No committee reported under this article.

Article 3.

The following is a list of Town Officers chosen together with those whose term of office has not expired:

TOWN CLERK

Charles F. Giles

TREASURER

Frank W. Fenno

SELECTMEN

Lucius W. French was chosen for three years

Frank W. Derby, term expires March, 1928

S. Edwin Story, term expires March, 1929

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Charles L. Smith was chosen for three years

Lucius W. French, term expires March, 1928

Maud I. Miller, term expires March, 1929

ASSESSORS

Arno E. Hurd was chosen for three years

Cyrus T. Miller, term expires March, 1928

Henry L. Curtis, term expires March, 1929

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Richard W. Ahlin was chosen for three years

Katherine T. Dutton, term expires March, 1928

Note—Thaddeus B. Fenno, whose term would have expired March, 1929, resigned as a member of the School Committee effective June 30, 1927, and at a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the remaining School Committee July 9, 1927, Charles L. Smith was elected to fill the vacancy until the next Annual Town Meeting.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Sarah J. Wyman was chosen for three years

Winfield S. Randall was chosen for three years

Lucy M. Giles, term expires March, 1928

Cyrus T. Miller, term expires March, 1928

Ida E. Merriam, term expires March, 1929

Frank W. Fenno, term expires March, 1929

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Windsor F. Neal was chosen for three years

Elmer Walker, term expires March, 1928

Frank S. Parks, term expires March, 1929

HAGER PARK COMMISSIONERS

Carlos E. Barron was chosen for three years

Floyd W. Vincent, term expires March, 1928

Frank W. Fenno, term expires March, 1929

CONSTABLE

Harold A. Towle

TAX COLLECTOR

Windsor F. Neal

TREE WARDEN

Otto H. Conant

MEASURERS OF WOOD, LUMBER AND BARK

Frank S. Smith

Edward Hetu

Edward R. Flagg

Henry Waltonen

Charles H. Dupee

Harold D. Merriam

Wickliffe H. Waterhouse

Emil Wuth

Article 4.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Note—In the following table appropriations under other articles are also included in order to show the total amount appropriated.

Salaries of Town Officers and expenses	\$2,000
Town Hall Maintenance	1,000

Constable	\$400
Fire Department	1,200
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100
Tree Warden	100
Board of Health	500
General repairs of Highways—Chapter 81	3,080
Mile Hill Road	1,250
Special repairs under Chapter 81, (Hubbardston Road)	1,000
Snow and Ice removal (highways)	3,500
Snow and Ice removal (sidewalks)	100
Sidewalks (new construction)	300
Sidewalks (repairs)	50
Bridges	500
Watering Tubs and Guide Boards	50
Electric Lights for Streets	1,863
Snow Fence	400
State Aid	148
Soldiers' Relief	300
Schools (including amount from State)	31,000
Forbush Library—dog license fund and	1,000
Cemeteries	600
Interest payments	1,200
Stone Crusher note	1,000
Tractor note	1,000
Memorial Day	125
Care of Town Clock	20
Miscellaneous	200
Care of World War Memorial	100
Tuition at Trade School	300
Printing Town Reports	324.70
Overdrawn accounts (total)	277.37
Printing valuation	1,000
Assessment for Tuberculosis	132.04
Liability Insurance	300
County Aid to Agriculture	100

Gypsy and Brown Tail moths

\$584.29

Total

\$57,104 40

Voted that the \$300 for new sidewalks be expended on the Worcester road from Drury house to Merriam's, the abbuttors to pay one-half the expense, excepting Mrs. Mansur who be exempted.

Article 5.

Voted that the Tax Collector be allowed one cent on each dollar collected and subject to the following conditions:

All taxes shall be due October 1st, 1927.

Interest charges shall start from November 1st, 1927.

All taxes paid after Nov. 1st, 1927 shall pay six per cent. per annum additional.

Article 6.

Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1927 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 7.

Voted to accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Article 8.

(To choose all necessary committees)

No action taken under this article.

Article 9.

Voted that the Selectmen act as agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town.

Article 10.

Voted to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

Article 11.

Voted that the engine house and fire engine at Whitmanville be turned over to the Whitmanville Fire Association as long as they keep same in repair.

Article 12.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to dispose of one of the snow plows owned by the Town.

Article 13.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,250 for the purpose of rebuilding the highway leading from a point on the Worcester road near Wachusett Lake to the Princeton Line on Mile Hill road, providing the State and County allot \$5,200 each for same purpose.

Article 14.

Voted \$132.04 to pay the assessment for tuberculosis under Chapter 111 of the General Laws and Chapter 501 of Acts of 1924.

Article 15.

Voted \$300 to pay the tuition of students attending the Worcester Trade School.

Article 16.

Voted to take out liability insurance for town highway employees and voted \$300 for said purpose.

Article 17.

Voted the following sums for overdrawn accounts for the year 1926:

Fire Department,	\$51.21
Snow and ice on highways,	176.10
Snow and ice on sidewalks,	8.55
Soldiers' Relief,	10.00
Forbush Library,	31.51

Article 18.

(Article to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$150 for salaries and expenses of Overseers of the Poor)

Voted to pass the article.

Article 19.

Voted that the Assessors take a re-valuation of all property and have same printed.

Voted \$1,000 for this purpose.

Article 20.

Voted to accept the money bequeathed to the Town by the late Fred S. Whitman.

Article 21.

Voted \$100 to be paid to the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture for support of demonstration work in agriculture, home economics, or boys and girls club work under the direction of the Agent or instructors co-operating with local Town Director.

Article 22.

Voted and chose Ernest M. Vieweg Town Director in accordance with Chapter 128, General Laws.

Article 23.

Voted to install one street light on Old Gardner road near the residence of C. L. Smith.

Article 24.

(Article to see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the purpose of buying arsenic of lead)

Voted in the negative.

Article 25.

(Article to see if the Town will vote to hold its annual meeting in February, instead of March)

Voted to pass the article.

Article 26.

(Article to see if the Town will vote to adopt the Official Ballot)

Voted to pass the article.

Article 27.

Voted \$584.29 for moth work.

Article 28.

A motion to authorize the Selectmen to petition the Legislature for authority to borrow the sum of \$20,000. outside the debt limit for the purpose of constructing a new school building was voted in the negative,—59 Yes to 126 No.

Voted to extend a vote of thanks to the School Investigating Committee and that they be discharged.

Article 29.

(Article to see if the Town will vote to raise the Town Accountant's salary to \$500 per year)

Voted to pass the article.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES,

Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 7, 1927.

Article 1.

S. Edwin Story was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

A motion that the Town appropriate \$6,000 to purchase two portable school houses to be placed upon the lot of the Upton school grounds was voted in the negative.

Article 3.

(Article to see if the Town will vote to provide the money appropriated under article 2 by taxation and borrowing)

Voted to pass the article.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES,

Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING HELD AUGUST 5, 1927.

Article 1.

Frank W. Derby was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

(Article to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,350 for the purpose of re-building the so called Mile Hill road)

Voted in the negative.

Article 3.

Voted \$500 for the use of the Fire Department.

Article 4.

Voted to raise and appropriate money for the following departments:

Miscellaneous,	\$100
Snow and Ice,	500
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	25
Constable,	150

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES,

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

For the year ending December 31, 1927.

Note—If any error in names or dates are noticed, or any omissions, please inform the Town Clerk.

Births recorded	23
Deaths recorded	19
Brought into Town for burial, (non-resident)	7
Marriages recorded	16

BIRTHS 1927

Date	Name of child	Name of parents
Jan. 19	Onni Walmis Niemi	Kalle and Helmar
Jan. 22	Boleslaw Skorko	John and Judwig
Jan. 24	Sirga Violet Savo	Aaro and Aino
Feb. 23	Robert Roger Gray	Gilbert C. and Ruth B.
March 4	Beverly Jean McAdams	Leon H. and Maud
March 6	Shirley Russell	Ernest H. and Jennie
March 30	Albert Edward Holmes	Allan E. and Estella A.
May 2	Veikko Johannes Anttila	Isaac and Hilda
May 10	Patricia McConlogue	John J. and Dorcas G.
May 19	J. Adelard Armand Robillard	Ubald and Geogianna
May 30	Marguerite Dona Conant	Otto H. and Annie L.

Date	Name of child	Name of parents
June 2	Ramond Alfred Johnson	William J. and Ruka
July 11	Trja Annikki Yanhunen	Otto and Anna
July 12	Lawrence Milton Hicks	Charles A. and Esther H.
July 15	Robert Carter Mason	William J. and Ellen E.
July 20	Paul Winston Dunn	Paul E. and Helen
July 21	Cynthia Ellen Berry	Lewis R. and Effie F.
July 26	Chester Walker Towle	Harold A. and Marion
Aug. 3	Marilyn Brothers Towle	Charles D. and Gladys M.
Sept. 19	Melvin Windsor Stone, Jr.	Melvin W. and Pearl M.
Sept. 26	Richard James Hewey	Randolph and Dorothy
Dec. 12	Ray Nichols Fenno	Thaddeus B. and Mabel

DEATHS 1927.

Date		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 4	Lucy A. (Carey) Enos	71		
Feb. 3	Mary (Dexter) Stevens	93	9	5
Feb. 9	Mary E. (Goodfellow) Rice	81	7	13
March 17	Elizabeth W. (Salo) Joki	49	9	27
March 25	Margaret J. Ryan	75	1	18
April 10	Wyman Sawyer	92	2	7
April 13	Lizzie Hawley	92		
May 22	Fred Adams	8	8	13
May 25	Ella M. (Wood) Howe	75	11	2
June 14	Julie (Dion) Beauregard	67	8	23
July 4	Louise D. Cutting	64	2	14
July 12	Frans Penttila	45	10	23
Aug. 11	Charles F. Knower	70	4	10
Aug. 16	Cora (Caldwell) Wiswell	59	6	23
Aug. 31	Anne Johnson	15	2	5
Nov. 5	Laura Abbie (Ball) Raymond	73		
Nov. 8	Laura J. (Clark) Bean	87		

Date		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Dec. 13	Ellen M. (Garfield) Seaver	81	3	15
Dec. 18	Charles F. Terrell	53		

BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL (Non-resident)

Date of Death	Name	Yrs	Mos.	Days	From
Jan. 11	George M. Parker	50	11	11	Greenfield
Feb. 11	Charles H. Houghton	57	1		Gardner
March 14	Martha (Adams) Wood	85	4	14	Melrose
July 16	Sarah E. Holmes	65	9		Harvard
Sept. 1	Helen M. Partridge	58	10	12	Brentwood, N. H.
Nov. 24	Napoleon B. Emerton	86	1	18	Leominster
Dec. 10	Herbert F. Bruce	69	1		Gardner

MARRIAGES 1927

Date and place of marriage.	Name	Residence
Feb. 19	George A. Rhodes	Westminster
Westminster	Florence I. Black	Westminster
April 9	Clyde N. Mansur	Westminster
Fitchburg	Alice L. Phelps	Fitchburg
April 12	Eino I. Jarvenpaa	Westminster
Westminster	Diana Laukkanen	Westminster
May 1	Charles E. Mansfield	Westminster
Westminster	Mary (Stevens) Newcomb	Westminster

Date and place of marriage.	Name	Residence
May 28 Westminster	Carl B. Page Pricilla L. Surrey	Westminster Westminster
June 11 Gardner	Olando D. Santerre Ethel V. Barrows	Fitchburg Westminster
June 11 Worcester	Wilho Savilampi Vivian Asiala	Westminster Fitchburg
June 21 Templeton	John Mulligan Mary E. Bevan	Westminster Templeton
June 22 Westminster	Joseph F. Montville Laura M. Putney	Westminster Westminster
July 12 Fitchburg	Samuel Brough, Jr. May Jolly	Westminster Fitchburg
Oct. 1 Keene, N. H.	Frank W. Gilbert Katherine M. Lawrence	Westminster Fitchburg
Oct. 9 Westminster	Ralph H. MacDonald Dorothy T. Packard	Springfield Westminster
Oct. 15 Manchester, N. H.	Hjalmar Ojala Alma M. Nelson	Fitchburg Westminster
Oct. 29 Westminster	Frederick J. Slade Dorothy B. Young	Fitchburg Westminster
Nov. 19 Westminster	James K. Foresman Sylvia D. Piispanen	Ashby Fitchburg
Nov. 22 Westminster	Frank E. Davis Priscilla A. Hale	Fitzwilliam, N. H. Troy, N. H.

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1927.

Licenses have been issued to the following persons:

Adams, Charles (2)	\$4	Davis, Alfred (2)	\$7
Aho, Matti	2	Dawley, C. B.	2
Antilla, Isaac	2	Dawley, G. L.	2
Arcangeli, Giacomo	2	Dupee, C. H.	2
Autyo, Waino	2	Durling, K. J.	2
Ballou, Frank	5	Earl, Bertha	2
Barrett, Eugene	2	Earl, Marion	2
Barrows, E. L.	2	Eaton, Evelin	2
Bassett, Emma	5	Eaton, Leon	2
Bassett, Walter	2	Ehalaenen, Otto	2
Battles, R. W. (2)	7	Fagan, George	2
Beauchene, George	2	Fairbanks, Cora	5
Beauregard, D. J.	5	Fairbanks, L. A. (3)	6
Beauregard, J. F.	5	Flagg, Wallace (2)	4
Bergkuist, A.	2	Fletcher, C. N. (2)	7
Bernhardt, Carl (3)	6	French, Marshall	2
Bigelow, Frank	2	Frye, J. A.	2
Bilson, K.	2	Gibson, Lorin (3)	12
Black, William	2	Goguen, Louis	2
Brackett, Wilfred (2)	10	Goodridge, Wilfred	2
Brigham, Orrin	2	Gordon, Mary S.	5
Brown, John E. (2)	10	Griffin, W. H.	2
Buckwold, Barbara	2	Hakkala, Victor	2
Carey, John	2	Hamalainen, Antti	2
Caswell, H. E.	2	Hamilton, E. M. (3)	6
Cedar, Matti	2	Hanks, Henry	2
Codding, Arthur	2	Hanninen, Otto	2
Collette, Bessie	2	Harris, Hiram	2
Cousins, Ivan	2	Herold, Wm. O.	5
Cummings, Nathan (2)	4	Hetu, Edward	2
Curry, James (2)	4	Hicks, Evelyn	2
Curtis, F. A.	2	Hill, John (2)	7
Curtis, H. L. (2)	10	Hill, Kusti	2

Hill, William	\$2	MacAloney, Wm.	\$2
Hintala, E.	2	Maki, Gusti (2)	4
Holm, Carl	2	Mansfield, C. E.	2
Holmes, Allen	2	Mansur, E. C.	2
Honkala, Oiva	2	Marshall, Phoebe (2)	7
Howard, Albert	2	Mayranen, A.	2
Hussari, Andrew	5	McConlough, J. J.	2
Hutchinson, Bertha	2	Moreland, Pearl	2
Ikaheimo, J. (2)	4	Muhonen, Eino	2
Jaaskelinen, H.	2	Nappila, Edward	2
Jalava, Weikka	2	Nelson, Avis	5
Janhunen, Otto	2	Nelson, Edmund	5
Jamsa, John	2	Nelson, Jesse	2
Johnson, Hjalmar	2	Newell, Fred	2
Johnson, Robert	2	Neimi, Frank	2
Kantola, David	2	Neimi, Kasper	2
Karkkienen, Andrew	5	Nikki, Toivo	2
Karvonen, John	2	Nisula, Frank	2
Kaustinen, N.	2	Nitsche, Geo.	2
Kelty, Lester	2	Nurmi, Dorothy	2
Keskinen, Henry	2	Nurmi, Kaarle	2
Kinnary, Karle	2	Page, J. H.	2
Knight, Andrew	2	Peltari, Nestor	2
Knower, C. F.	2	Percy, Paul (2)	4
Korkala, Kusti	2	Percy, W. F.	2
Kortesoja, W.	2	Putnam, Geraldine	2
Koski, Jacob	5	Putney, Laura (3)	6
Kurikka, Victor	5	Rameau, Arthur (2)	4
Lablanc, Jos.	2	Reed, E. B.	2
Lahtinen, Charles	2	Reino, Lauri	2
Lahtinen, Karle	2	Remse, Arthur	2
Laukkanen, Waino	2	Reynolds, Chas. (2)	4
Lehtinen, Ellen	2	Rinquist, Alvin	5
Lehtonen, Frank	2	Rintala, Kalle	2
Leikkanen, Kalle	2	Roberts, John	2
Lindstrom, Kaarl	2	Roiha, E.	2
Loughlin, P. H. Jr.	2	Root, Thomas	2
Lynde, Chester (3)	15	Rowe, Chester	2
MacAloney, Frank	2	Sakinen, Chas.	2

Sakinen, John	\$2	Winter, Kusti	\$2
Salo, August	2	Wiswell, Mary	2
Sanderson, H. L.	2	Wooster, Carl	2
Savilampa, Henry	2	Wuth, Emil (2)	4
Schreiber, Carl	2	Yalonen, A.	5
Sippala, Wilfred	2	Young, Ralph	2
Shannon, Gertrude	2		
Shepard, H. A.	2	Total,	\$531.00
Sillanpaa, Victor	2	On hand at last report	6.00
Smith, John (2)	7		
Stanbridge, Henry	5		537.00
Stevenson, Edgar	5	Amt. in hands of Clerk	
St. John, Frank	5	Jan. 1, 1928,	5.00
Stone, Martha	2		
Stone, Melvin	2		532.00
Suomela, Michael	2	Clerk's fees	43.00
Towle, M. W.	2		
Tuomela, Peter	2	Amt. sent to County	
Tuomi, Axel	2	Treasurer to Dec. 1, 1927	\$489.00
Tuominen, Kusti	2		
Tuttle, T. G.	2	Transfers issued:	
Vieweg, Ernest (2)	4		
Vincent, F. W.	2	John E. Brown (3)	
Vuori, Kalle	2		
Wainonen, E.	2	CHARLES F. GILES,	
Walkonen, Oliva	2	Town Clerk.	
Waltonen, Henry	2		
Waronen, Axel	2		
Wartiainen, Peter	2		
Wiinikainen, Abel	2		
Wilson, Victor	2		

REPORT OF HIGHWAYS

Under Chapter 81.

January 20, 1928.

Board of Selectmen,
Westminster, Mass.
Gentlemen:

REPORT OF WORK DONE ON WESTMINSTER ROADS DURING THE YEAR 1927—UNDER CHAPTER 81.

Work began Feb. 5, 1927.

1—Ellis Road:

Dragged, scraped, repaired culvert, cut brush.

2—Carter Road:

Dragged, scraped, spread 15 yds. of gravel.

3—Frog Hollow Road:

Scraped, cut brush.

4—Knower Road:

Scraped and dragged.

5—Cross Road:

Scraped.

6—Minott Road:

Dragged and scraped.

7—Minott Place:

Scraped.

8—Newton Road:

Scraped. Removed boulders.

9—Harrington Road:

Dragged, scraped. Spread 63 yds. of gravel. Patched, and cut brush.

10—Foster Road:

Scraped twice. Dragged. Removed boulders. Replaced stone culvert with pipe 12 inches x 26 feet.

11—Hubbardston Road:

Filled holes. Dragged. Scraped. Oiled. Patched. Spread 8 yds. of gravel. Cut brush. Removed stones. Laid stone fill 18 inches wide, 800 feet long, covered with gravel 8 inches deep and 18 feet wide. Repaired stone culvert. Spread 1,400 gals. of oil.

12—Princeton or Park Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Oiled, spread 800 gals. Spread 5 yards of gravel

13—Worcester Road:

Cleaned ditches. Dragged. Patched. Spread 16,464 gals. of oil. Scarified and rolled 3,500 feet. Repaired driveways.

14—Town Farm Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Removed stones. Spread 25 yards of gravel. Replaced stone culvert with pipe 12 inches x 24 feet.

15—Howard Road:

Scraped and dragged.

16—Batherick Road :

Scraped.

17—Depot Road :

Scraped and dragged. Cleaned ditches. Spread 300 gals. oil.
Spread 15 yards of gravel.

18—Curtis Road :

Scraped and dragged. Cleaned ditches. Patched. Spread 10
yards of gravel.

19—Old Fitchburg or Ramo Road :

Scraped.

20—Old Turnpike or 5th. Mass. Turnpike :

Scraped. Laid stone fill 550 feet long, 18 feet wide, covered
with 8 inches of gravel, 18 feet wide. Burned brush. Replaced
culvert 12 inches x 24 feet corrugated pipe.

21—Bean Hill :

Scraped. Filled large mud holes with stone and gravel spread
15 yards. Cleaned culverts.

22—Potato Hill :

No work done.

23—Page Road :

Scraped. Removed stone.

24—Old Ashburnham Turnpike :

No work done.

25—Roper Road :

Filled mud holes. Spread 10 yards of gravel.

26—Dawley Road :

Dragged, scraped and oiled.

27—Ray Road:

Dragged, oiled and cleaned culverts.

28—Academy Hill:

Dragged. Scraped. Spread 1,000 gals. of oil. Cleaned culverts
Patched. Spread 8 yards of gravel.

29—West Princeton Road:

Dragged and scraped. Cut brush. Drainage. Spread 38 yards
of gravel.

30—Fitchburg Road:

Scraped. Spread 8 yards of gravel. Removed stones. Burned
brush. Filled mud holes.

31—Davis Road:

Dragged and scraped. Cut brush. Removed stone Spread 10
yds. of gravel.

32—Lanes:

Scraped and dragged.

33—Bolton Road:

Scraped. Cut brush. Drainage.

34—East Road:

Dragged and scraped. Spread 5 yards of gravel. Removed
stones.

35—Gate House Road:

Dragged and scraped.

36—Cody Road:

Scraped.

37—Notown Road:

Scraped. Cut brush.

38—Nichols Road:

Filled holes. Scraped. Spread 750 gals. of oil. Drainage.

39—Stone Hill Road:

Scraped and cut brush.

40—Newcomb Road:

Dragged and scraped.

41—Battles Road:

Dragged and scraped.

42—Marshall Hill Road:

Scraped. Spread 1 yard of gravel. Cut brush.

43—Leominster or East Main Street:

Filled holes. Scraped. Patched. Dragged. Spread 10,194 gals. of oil. Replaced stone culvert with 24 inch x 32 feet corrugated pipe. Spread 13 yards of gravel.

44—Hanks Hill Road:

Scraped.

45—Round Meadow Road:

Scraped. Spread 7 yards of gravel. Widened. Cut and burned brush. Repaired holes.

46—West Main Street:

Dragged. Removed boulders. Widened. Scraped. Spread 8 yards of gravel. Spread 250 gals. of oil.

47—State Colony Road:

Under Chapter 90. Laid 2,500 feet of stone and 3,400 feet of gravel. Laid one 14 inch corrugated pipe 36 feet long. Dragged.

48—Shady Avenue :

Dragged and scraped. Removed stones.

49—Sargent Road :

Filled holes. Dragged. Scraped.

50—Beech Hill Road :

Scraped.

51—Adams Road :

Spread 8 yards of gravel.

52—Pleasant Street :

Scraped and dragged. Spread 200 gallons of oil.

53—Elliot Road :

Scraped. Spread 300 gallons of oil.

54—Overlook Road :

Dragged and scraped. Removed stones. Spread 5 yards of gravel. Replaced stone culvert with 12 inch x 24 feet corrugated pipe.

55—Bacon Road :

Scraped. Spread 1,500 gals. oil. Patched. Removed stone. Spread 3 yards of gravel.

56—Brooks Avenue :

No work done.

57—North Common Road :

Filled holes. Dragged and scraped. Removed stones. Replaced stone culvert with 12 inch x 30 feet corrugated pipe.

58—East Gardner Road :

Scraped.

59—Morseman Road :

Scraped.

60—Bragg Hill Road :

Scraped and cut brush.

61—South Ashburnham Road :

Scraped and dragged. Spread 10 yards of gravel. Cleaned
ditches. Repaired two culverts.

62—Needham Road :

Scraped. Patched. Drainage. Cut brush.

63—Barrel Road :

Scraped and cut brush.

64—Newton Road :

No work done.

65—Dean Hill Road :

Scraped.

66—Fred Smith Road :

Scraped and repaired holes.

67—Old Ashburnham Road :

No work done.

68—Dean Hill Cross Road :

No work done.

SUMMARY.

Scraped 68 miles of road.

Cut 21 miles of brush.

Covered 854 yards with gravel.

Spread 33,158 gallons of oil.

Under Chapter 90:

Laid 2,500 feet of stone fill and
3,400 feet of gravel.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. VESPER,

Senior Civil Engineer.
Chapter 81 Assistant.

TOOLS

on hand in the Town of WESTMINSTER December 1, 1927.

Name	Number
Axes	3
Brush Cutters	4
Chain, 2— $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 1—7/16 in.,	4
Iron bars	3
Forks	5
Spoon shovels	2
Striking hammers	2
Stone hammers,	7
Oil cans	2
Hoes, street	2
Derrick	1
Drills	7
Lanterns	3
Mattocks	4
Drag Scraper	1
Picks	12
Oliver Rooter Plow	1
Wiard Rooter Plow	1
Gravel Screen	0
Pulley Blocks and rope (1 set)	1

Name	Number
Rakes, iron	2
Road Drags, Minn.	2
Road Machines, A. Champion	1
Road Machine Blades	1
Russell Junior	1
Scythes, brush	4
Snathes	5
Sewer Pump	1
Potato hook	2
Shovels, short rd.	11
Shovels, short sq.	8
Tool boxes	2
Crusher bins, elevators	1
Cletrax Tractor	1
Beaver Gasolene Engine	1
Stone Lifter	1
1—ton Ford Truck	1

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. VESPER,

Senior Civil Engineer.

Chapter 81 Assistant.

AMOUNTS EXPENDED ON ROADS IN TOWN OF WESTMINSTER
IN 1927—UNDER CHAPTER 81.

Road	Amount
1 Ellis	\$135 00
2 Carter	79 15
3 Frog Hollow	25 47
4 Knower	61 05
5 Cross	2 70
6 Minott	71 69
7 Minott Place	5 00

Road	Amount
8 Newton	\$2 70
9 Harrington	168 53
10 Foster	32 80
11 Hubbardston	1,629 52
12 Princeton or Park	5 14
13 Worcester	694 83
14 Town Farm	92 10
15 Harvard	28 00
16 Batherick	29 60
17 Depot	72 15
18 Curtis	54 11
19 Old Fitchburg or Raymo	6 84
20 Old Fifth Turnpike	597 84
21 Bean Hill	113 48
22 Potato Hill	
23 Page	20 63
24 Old Ashburnham Turnpike	
25 Roper	
26 Dawley	27 20
27 Ray	2 50
28 Academy Hill	97 89
29 West Princeton	236 85
30 Fitchburg	69 20
31 Davis	66 02
32 Lanes	51 40
33 Bolton	42 86
34 East	79 75
35 Gate House	32 20
36 Cody	8 00
37 No Town	60 08
38 Nichols	50 13
39 Stone Hill	34 95
40 Newcomb	48 70
41 Battles	24 05
42 Marshall Hill	52 92

Road	Amount
43 Leominster or East Main	\$1,056 36
44 Hanks Hill	6 00
45 Round Meadow	47 58
46 West Main	154 42
47 State Colony	15 00
48 Shady Avenue	43 00
49 Sargent	96 86
50 Beech Hill	
51 Adams	
52 Pleasant	5 90
53 Elliott	7 90
54 Overlook	66 40
55 Bacon	99 25
56 Brook Avenue	
57 North Common	114 58
58 East Gardner	
59 Morseman	18 84
60 Bragg Hill	48 25
61 South Ashburnham	466 58
62 Needham	6 45
63 Barrell	26 85
64 Newton	
65 Dean Hill	22 10
66 Fred Smith	26 60
67 Old Ashburnham	
68 Dean Hill Cross Roads	2 55

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. VESPER,

Senior Civil Engineer.

Chapter 81 Assistant,

Approved,

J. A. JOHNSTON,
District Engineer.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATIONS.

Buildings	\$660,095 00
Land	456,318 00
Total real estate	\$1,116,413 00
Personal property	293,595 00
	\$1,410,008 00

TAXES.

Rate \$32.50 per \$1,000.

On real estate	36,283 42
On personal property	9,541 84
On polls	908 00
	46,733 26

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Income tax	5,948 40
Corporation tax	878 30
Bank tax	12 41
Licenses	88 00
Fines	45 00
Special assessments	177 09
General government	360 00
Protection of persons and property	12 00
Charities	229 13

Soldiers' benefits	\$116 41
Schools	7,174 65
Libraries	28 23
Cemeteries, other than from trust funds	29 00
Interest on deposits	867 33
Interest on taxes and assessments	227 59
All other	220 00

\$16,413 54

EXPENDITURES.

Town appropriations	57,129 40
State tax	2,400 00
Highway tax	803 30
Moth tax	288 65
County tax	1,903 00
Overlay (of current year)	622 45

Total 63,146 80

DECEMBER ASSESSMENT.

Buildings	75 00
Land	720 00

795 00

Tax \$25.84

Total amount to be raised	\$46,733 26
Less City of Fitchburg bill in lieu of taxes	656 44

46,076 82

Gained by fractions

14

46,076 96

TAX COMMITMENT TO COLLECTOR.

On April assessment	\$46,076 96
On December assessment	25 84
Moth	187 13
Total	\$46,289 93

CYRUS T. MILLER,
 ARNO E. HURD,
 HENRY L. CURTIS,

Assessors of Westminster.

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners.

The usual cleaning up of grounds at the different cemeteries, mowing grass and other work has been done. Drives and walks repaired.

We wish to thank Mr. Harrocks for the prize winning peony bulbs he gave to Woodside cemetery. They have been planted in different parts of the cemetery.

A marker has been placed on all perpetual care lots.

At Whitmanville the hearse house and gates have been painted.

ELMER WALKER,
 FRANK S. PARKS,
 W. F. NEAL,

Cemetery Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Taxes 1926.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1927		\$9,635 46
Payments to Treasurer	9,535 22	
Abatements	100 24	
		9,635 46

Taxes 1927.

Commitment of taxes		46,076 96
Dec. commitment		25 84
Payments to Treasurer	35,982 42	
Abatements	144 89	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1927	9,975 49	
		46,102 80

Interest.

Previous years	249 41	
Current year	47 74	
		297 15

Moth Tax 1926.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1927	\$67 75
Payments to Treasurer	67 75

Moth Tax 1927.

Commitment		187 13
Payments to Treasurer	\$124 53	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1927	62 60	
		187 13

WINDSOR F. NEAL,
Tax Collector.

Report of Committee for Care of World War Memorial.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1927.

Appropriation	\$100 00	
Expended	90 50	
Balance unexpended		\$9 50

For details see Report of Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE T. DAWLEY,
M. NELLIE MILLER,
IDA S. MERRIAM,

Committee.

REPORT OF

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

During the year 1927, 46 persons have been assisted by this board. There are three inmates at the Charlton Home Farm; the rest have been assisted in their own home or the home of friends or relatives.

Six persons were State charges, and from other towns, 11.

This board has been represented at all but one of the quarterly meetings of the Charlton Home Farm Association. Mr. Herbert N. Shepard of Warren made a very efficient president, and has been favorably mentioned for 1928. There are now 24 towns in the association.

Board for inmates at the Home Farm is \$6.00 per week.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS W. FRENCH,
CHARLES L. SMITH,
MAUD I. MILLER,

Board of Public Welfare.

Report of the Charlton Home Farm Association.

For the Year ending December 31, 1927.

RECEIPTS.

Milk	\$1,570 47
Stock	232 00
Miscellaneous	320 36
Inmates Board	10,244 36
Boarders	382 85
Assessment for painting	800 44

Total Receipts,

\$13,550 48

EXPENDITURES.

Frank Walker and Wife	1,500 00
Inside Labor	750 00
Outside Labor	812 61
Miscellaneous	715 64
Groceries	1,186 33
Meat	1,035 84
Grain	930 22
Oil and Gasoline	87 35
Clothing	280 86
Supplies	498 50
Telephone	46 18

Electricity	\$98 52
Blacksmithing	32 05
Tobacco	238 68
Insurance	247 62
Drugs	32 48
Painting and Repairs	833 52
Machinery	140 00
Seed	86 35
Fertilizer	270 96
Veterinary	36 65
Medical attendance	35 25
Coal	508 65

\$10,404 26

Deficit 1926 1,272 57

11,676 83

Balance in favor of Association \$1,873 65

Received and Due for Inmates Board.

Charlton	634 27
Westminster	938 53
Rutland	312 83
Millbury	629 16
Brookfield	347 11
Ashburnham	608 54
Leicester	721 69
Oakham	312 83
Holden	312 83
Warren	1,939 00
Hardwick	625 70
West Boylston	708 84
Berlin	312 83
Sterling	304 26

Auburn	\$274 26
East Brookfield	62 57
West Brookfield	1,199 11

\$10,244 36

Total number of weeks for inmates, 1,707 2/7 weeks.

There were no inmates from Hubbardston, Paxton, Dana, Princeton, New Braintree, Boylston and Holland.

The inventory of Personal Property taken December 31, 1927 was \$6,701.67.

Farm and Buildings, \$12,500.00.

Respectfully submitted,

H. N. SHEPARD, President.

LOUIS M. HANFF, Sec'y and Treas.

Charlton, Mass., Jan. 1, 1928.

AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR 1927.

I have audited the bills of the officers of the Association who have received and expended money during the year ending December 31, 1927 and all bills have been correct, and checks signed by the President and Treasurer.

EDWARD A. LAMB,

Auditor.

REPORT OF CONSTABLE.

To the Selectmen:—

The following is a report of the Constable for year March 1, 1927 to December 31, 1927.

During this period I have investigated 46 complaints:

- 33 automobile accidents
- 1 abandoned automobile
- Served 8 summonses and 5 warrants
- Attended court 40 times

I have arrested 31 persons on the following charges:

- Drunkenness 17
- Breaking, entering, larceny 3
- Drunken driving 3
- Drunk and disturbing peace 2
- Disturbing peace 2
- Larceny 1
- Non-support 1
- Operating unregistered car 1
- Speeding 1

Of those arrested 19 paid fines to amount of \$417.30

- 1 sentenced 6 months
- 1 sentenced 4 months
- 1 sentenced 3 months
- 1 sentenced 2 months
- 1 sentenced 1 month. Suspended on probation
- 4 sentenced probation 6 months
- 3 discharged

I have also served Tax Warrants, Dog Warrants, posted warrants for Town Meetings, attended dances at Holmes Park and Town Hall.

Drawn four jurors.

HAROLD A. TOWLE,
Constable.

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT.

RECEIPTS.

Taxes.

Current Year:

Poll	\$664 00
Personal	8,141 13
Real Estate	27,177 29

\$35,982 42

Received from Fitchburg in lieu of Taxes

656 44

Previous Years:

1926—Poll	188 00
Personal	1,389 04
Real Estate	7,958 18

9,535 22

From State, Corporation, Bank, etc.:

From State:

Income Tax 1925	40 00
Income Tax 1926	200 00

Income Tax 1926	\$100 00
Income Tax 1927 School	7,290 00
National Bank Tax	10 83
Trust Corporation	107 00
Corporation Tax, Business	49 73
Corporation Tax, Business	36 41
Corporation Tax, Business	476 30
Corporation Tax, Pub. Service, 1924	1 32
Corporation Tax, Pub. Service, 1926	42
Corporation Tax, Pub. Service,	204 72
Massachusetts School Fund	5,529 66
Vocational Education	16 64
Union School Superintendent	773 33
High School Tuition	1,021 67

\$15,858 03

From Licenses :

Alcohol	1 00
Junk	6 00
Revolver	6 00
Gas	14 00
Common Victualers	30 00
Sunday	36 00
Bus Permit	2 00

95 00

From Court Fines	271 20
From Dog Licenses	428 68

From Hager Park Trustees :

Wood for Town Hall	105 00
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Wood for Library	\$42 50
Wood for Schools	297 00

\$444 50

From Moth Assessments:

1926	67 75
1927	124 53

192 28

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Town Hall:

Rent	523 85	523 85
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

Fire Department:

Brush fires	12 00
State Forestry	6 07
Junk sold	3 85

21 92

Inspection:

Animals	38 60
Sealer's fees	20 73

59 33

HIGHWAYS AND STATE ROAD.

From State, (Chap. 81)	7,700 00
From State, Colony road, (Chap. 90)	2,122 35
From State, Worcester road, (Chap. 90)	1,557 39

From Fitchburg, snow and ice removal	\$57 10
From sale of Sargent Plow	100 00
From sale of oil barrels	2 50

\$11,533 84

CHARITIES.

Reimbursement from Cities and Towns	227 71
From State for State Aid	192 00
From State for Military Aid	15 00
From State for Temporary Aid	103 03
From State for Soldiers Exemption	94 58

632 32

SCHOOLS.

From sale of Tickets	22 00
From sale of Railroad Ties	5 00

27 00

LIBRARY.

From fines	16 50
From books sold	4 25

20 75

CEMETERIES.

For grass sold	27 00	27 00
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MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Revenue loan No. 32	\$25,000 00	
Revenue loan No. 33	10,000 00	
Revenue loan No. 34	15,000 00	
		\$50,000 00

INTEREST.

Taxes 1926	249 41	
Taxes 1927	47 74	
		297 15

Income from Trust Funds.

(Credited to Library).

Hawes Library Fund	50 00	
Child's Library Fund	6 76	
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	50 00	
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	25 00	
Farnsworth Library Fund	26 26	
P. P. Ellis Library Fund	22 49	
A. R. Hager Library Fund	28 50	
Town Library Fund	81 00	
Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	11 86	
		301 87

From Gardner Trust Co., int. on bank dep's 192 01	192 01
Interest on Water Fund 750 90	750 90

Trust and Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	800 00
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Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	\$300 00
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\$1,100 00

Refunds and Transfers:

Refunds:

Loss of Taxes	694 80
School Committee	23 46
Rebates on Insurance Policies	10 27
Fire Department	2 00
Trade School	3 68
New Sidewalk	177 09

911 30

Transfers: (Interest transfered to cash)

Smith Poor Fund	1,719 38
Forbush Poor Fund	189 20
Upton High School Fund	1,441 85
Hager School Fund	600 00
M. A. Greed Cemetery Wall Fund	49 00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	450 10

\$4,449 53

Total Receipts,	\$134,312 04
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Cash on hand January 1, 1927	9,202 70
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\$143,514 74

EXPENDITURES.

General Government.

Legislative :

Moderator

\$5 00

Selectmen :

Salaries	\$225 00
Printing and postage	21 98
Telephone	3 45
All other expense	2 00

 \$252 43

Accountant :

Salary	300 00
Postage	55
All other expense	54

 301 09

Treasurer :

Salary	75 00
Administration of Trust Funds	10 00
Surety bond	50 00
Printing and postage	4 60

 139 60

Collector :

Salary	462 56
Surety bond	50 00
Printing and postage	7 00

 519 56

Assessors:

Salaries	\$225 00
Printing and postage	12 25

\$237 25

Other Finance Accounts:

Rent of Safety Deposit Box	10 00
Certification of Notes	6 00
Printing	11 52
Supplies	28 94

56 46

Law:

Services of Lawyers	40 00
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Town Clerk:

Salary	75 00
Bond	5 00
Recording fees	44 25
Printing and postage	4 49
All other expenses	15

128 89

Election and Registration:

Wages for services.

Registrars	14 50
Election Officers	24 00
Printing and postage	5 50

44 00

1,724 28

(Appropriation \$2,000. Balance \$275.72.)

Town Hall:

Salary.

Janitor	\$300 00
Janitor's supplies	22 20
New Chairs	365 00
Repairs	37 25
Water rent	15 00
Fuel	105 00
Lights	134 28
Telephone	11 00
Insurance	178 85
All other expenses	28 00

 \$1,196 58

(Appropriation \$1,000. Overdraft \$196.58.)

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

Constables:

Wages for Investigating Complaints	106 50
Investigating automobile accidents	52 50
Wages for Cattle Show Day	5 00
Transportation, auto and bus	205 00
Court fees	110 25
Serving Warrants	5 50
Copying and Posting Warrants and advertising	8 10
Tax and Dog Warrants	7 00
Police Badges, Flash Lights, etc.	9 55

 509 40

(Appropriation \$550. Balance \$40.60)

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages.

Engineers	15 00
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Firemen	\$197 45
Rubber Coats and Boots and repairs	343 61
Gas	15 26
Oil	23 22
Labor on truck	73 32
Supplies	135 72
Apparatus	90 82
Hose	306 00
Chemicals	19 85
Siren and repairs	11 10
Fuel	163 00

Building and Grounds.

Janitor	49 00
Repairs	21 03
Telephone	30 00
All other expenses	4 60

\$1,498 98

Forestry:

Salary, Forest Warden	25 00
Firemen, (brush fires)	48 00
Apparatus	5 09
All other expense	9 15

87 24

(Appropriation \$1,700.

(Fire) \$1,498.98

Refund 2,

(Forestry) 87.24

Bal. 115.78

Moth Department:

Wages	328 75
Teams or trucks	133 38
Lead	111 73

Gas	\$3 60
Other equipment	5 56

\$583 02

(Appropriation \$584.29.) Bal. \$1.27

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary	60 00
Insurance	51 75
Equipment	10 46
Supplies	6 20

128 41

(Appropriation \$125. Overdraft \$3.41)

Tree Warden:

Wages	91 00
Teams or trucks	6 00

97 00

(Appropriation \$100. Bal. \$3.00.)

Board of Health:

General Administration.

Labor, cleaning public dump	41 05
Tuberculosis treatment at hospitals	41 41
Death returns	3 50
Examination of School Children	75 00
Inspection of barns	40 00
Inspection of meats and provisions	180 00

380 96

(Appropriation \$500. Bal. \$119.04.)

Highways—Chap. 81 :**General Administration.**

Freight, express and telephone	\$69 58
Insurance and Registration fee	15 75
Labor	4,896 35
Trucks or teams	1,383 10
Stone, gravel, etc.	99 81
Equipment and repairs	1,437 99
Gas, oil and all other	230 63
Tarvia	208 60
Road oil	2,428 38
Other oil	31 00

 \$10,801 19

(Appropriation \$3,080. Overdraft 21.19)

State 7,700.

Special—Chap. 81 :

Labor	756 13
Trucks	211 75
Gas	18 63
Gravel	12 80
Supplies	75

 1,000 06

(Appropriation \$1,000. Overdraft .06)

Contract :

Street Lights	1,877 78	1,877 78
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(Appropriation \$1,863. Overdraft \$14.78.)

Bridges :

Labor	274 20
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Lumber	\$43 25	
All other expenses	41 14	

\$358 59

(Appropriation \$500. Bal. \$141.41.)

Watering Tubs:

Water rent	31 25	
Moving tub and repairs	58 40	
Care of tubs	9 00	

98 65

(Appropriation \$50. Overdraft \$48.65.)

Sidewalk Maintenance:

Snow removal and Sanding.

Labor	67 05	
Teams	16 00	

83 05

(Appropriation \$100. Bal. \$16.95.)

Sidewalk Construction:

Labor and materials	457 50	457 50
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Appropriation \$300.

Abutters 137.91

Balance 19.59

Sidewalk Repairs:

(Appropriation \$50. Bal. \$50.)

Snow and Ice Removal:

Labor	2,553 67	
Teams or trucks	87 00	

Insurance	\$90 21
Rent for Plow	122 00
Repairs and Equipment	544 14
Gas and all other expenses	678 03

\$4,075 05

(Appropriation \$4,000. Overdraft \$23.95.)

Refund, Fitchburg 51.10

Snow Fence 400 00

(Appropriation \$400)

Worcester Road, Special Chapter 90 :

Labor	583 09
Trucks or teams	189 40
Gas and oil	19 08
Equipment and supplies	42 13
Fuel	10 12
Gravel	10 00
Tarvia	104 20
Surface oil	623 34
Express, freight, telephone, etc.	16 86

1,598 22

Due from State, \$799.11. Received from State, \$778.69

Due from County, 799.11. Received from County, 778.70

Overdraft 40.83

State Colony—Chapter 90 :

Labor	1,029 75
Trucks	861 00
Telephone, express, etc.	9 42
Gas	161 52
Equipment and supplies	186 99

Motor oil	\$79 20
Repairs	17 00
Gravel	184 50
Neal Wall	111 55

\$2,640 93

Appropriation, Balance Jan. 1, 1927, \$69.90	
Received from State	2,122.85
Due from State	448.68

CHARITIES.

General Administration.

Salaries	60 00
Other expenses	9 67

Outside relief by Town:

Groceries, provisions and clothing	609 01
Coal and wood	61 00
Board and care	215 20
Medicine and medical attendance	148 95
Charlton Poor Farm	958 78
All other	1 50
Relief by other Cities	175 36

2,289 42

Bal. forward, Jan. 1, 1927,	\$103.13
Reimbursed from Amesbury	227.71
Interest trans. from Smith fund	1,719.38
Interest trans. from Forbush fund	189.20

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS.

Soldiers' Benefits	265 00
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(Appropriation \$300. Balance \$35.)

State Aid:

Pay roll	\$148 00
(Reimbursed from State \$192. Balance \$59.)	.
Military aid 15.	

SCHOOLS.

School Committee:

Services	\$70 00	
Express, printing and postage	48 40	
Telephone	1 70	
		120 10

Supt. of Schools.

Salary (\$1,225 deduct \$100 retire. fd)	1,125 00	
Traveling expenses	206 24	
Truant Officer	4 00	
		1,335 24

Supervisors:

Salaries.

Music Teacher	375 00	
Drawing Teacher	382 00	
Nurse	469 00	
Traveling expenses	290 02	
		1,516 02

Teachers.

Salaries.

High (\$3,385, deduct \$160 retirement fund)	
	3,225 00

Junior High, (\$3,505, deduct \$167	
retirement fund	\$3,338 00
Expenses	19 11
Elementary (\$8,475, (deduct \$351.50	
retirement fund)	8,123 50
Bonuses, (Rural Teachers—Hager Fund)	600 00

\$15,305 61
778 50

Mass. Teachers' Retirement Fund

Text Books and Supplies.

High, books	352 01
supplies	570 70
Elementary, books	325 10
supplies	859 62

2,107 43

Tuition.

High	245 00
Elementary	549 88

794 88

Transportation.

Supervisors	257 50
Elementary	4,887 40
School Tickets	800 00

5,944 90

Janitors' Services.

High	172 00
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Elementary	\$1,120 30	
		\$1,292 30
Fuel.		
High	174 95	
Elementary	686 35	
Lights	28 39	
Water	62 50	
		952 19
Maintenance of Building and Grounds.		
High.		
Repairs	839 78	
Supplies	63 67	
All other	26 58	
		930 03
Elementary		
Repairs	926 73	
Supplies	23 88	
All other	41 82	
		992 43
Furniture and Fixtures.		
High	204 69	
Elementary	18 00	
		222 69
Rent	120 00	
Insurance	247 41	
Prizes and expense of Prize speaking		
Contest	19 50	

Diplomas and Graduating exercises	\$15 00
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\$401 91

Total spent for Schools,	\$32,694 23
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Appropriation	\$31,000.00.	
Refunds	23.46.	
Upton School Fund	1,441.85.	Int. trans.
Hager School Fund	600.00.	Int. trans.
	\$33,065.31.	

Balance \$371.08

Tuition at Trade Schools	563 72
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Appropriation	\$300.
Refund	3.68
Overdraft	260.04

LIBRARY.

Salaries and wages.

Librarian	359 96
Assistants	195 00
Janitor	180 00

Books and Periodicals.

Books	262 28
Periodicals	107 40
Supplies	12 42
Binding books	67 87

Building.

Repairs	7 20
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Fuel		\$139 00
Lights		84 59
Furniture		149 25
Care of grounds and other work		19 95
Janitor's supplies		53 68
All other expense		7 25
Stationery and postage		16 95
Express and telephone		11 98
		\$1,714 78
Appropriation	1,000.00	Bal. \$15.77
Income from Trust Funds	301.87	
Dog Licenses	428.68	

UNCLASSIFIED.

World War Memorial.

Mowing grass and all other work on grounds	68 32
Sharpening lawn mower	1 75
Labor and paint on flag pole	4 00
Flags	80
One pine	3 50
Fertilizer	8 25
Lawn seed	35
Supplies	2 83
Express	70
	90 50

(Appropriation \$100. Bal. \$9.50.)

Memorial Day (Appropriation \$125.)	125 00
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Care of Town Clock (Appropriation \$20.)	\$20 00
Printing Town Reports (Appropriation \$324.70)	324 70
Liability Insurance (Appropriation \$300. Bal. \$58.60)	241 40
Tuberculosis Hospital Apportionment, (Appro. \$182.04) Overdraft \$1	133 04
County Aid to Agriculture (Appropriation \$100)	100 00
New School House Committee (Appropriation \$300 forward from 1926. Bal. \$84.10	215 90

Miscellaneous..

Printing	6 90
Photos	5 00
Insurance for Personal Damage	100 00
Fee with application on Ashburnham Road	3 00

 114 90

(Appropriation \$300. Balance \$185.10)

Revaluation.

Labor	288 35
Use of car	15 00
Valuation Books	273 50
1 cabinet	24 10
Guide Cards	2 40
Special Binders	7 50
Assessment Cards	15 00
Other Supplies	5 45
Postage and all other	1 50

 632 80

(Appropriation \$1,000. Balance \$367.20)

HAGER PARK TRUSTEES.

Expense of administration	25 00
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Cutting, yarding and sawing	\$340 17
Trucking	130 36
Building bridge	11 92

\$507 45

(Jan. 1, 1927, Bal. \$67.72. Bal. Jan. 1, 1928, \$4.77)

Receipts \$144.50.

CEMETERIES.

Labor	537 50
Teams	16 00
Loam	9 80
Equipment	20 40
Scraping Drives	13 50

597 20

(Appropriation \$600. Bal. 2.80.)

M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Work, (Interest trans.)	49 00
Perpetual Care of lots, (Interest trans.)	450 10

INTEREST.

Temporary Loans.

Interest on Stone Crusher loan	75 00
Interest on Snow Plow loan	207 90
Rev. loan No. 32	571 88
Rev. loan No. 31	312 74
Rev. loan No. 33	191 25

1,357 87

(Appropriation \$1,200. Overdraft \$157.87)

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Loans in anticipation of revenue	\$48,835 98
Payment on principal, Stone Crusher loan	1,000 00
Payment on principal, Snow Plow loan	1,000 00

AGENCY AND TRUST.

Agency.

County tax	\$1,903 00
State tax	2,400 00
State Highway tax	803 30
Moth tax	288 65

 5,394 95

Trust.

Investment of Perpetual Care Funds	800 00
Investment of F. S. Whitman Library Fund	300 00

Total Payments,	\$129,512 83
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1927	14,001 91

 \$143,514 74

Total Balances,	\$1,976.28
Total overdrafts	1,217.04

FLORENCE B. RICE,

Town Accountant.

Trial Balance of December 31, 1927. General Amounts.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand:	
General	\$14,001 91
Celebration Committee	5 63
Library Petty Cash	10 00
Amounts Receivable:	
Taxes:	
Levy of 1927	9,975 49
Special Assessment:	
Moth 1927	62 60
Tax Title	33 31
Overdrawn Appropriations:	
Town Hall	196 58
Sealer of Weights and Measures	3 41
Highways Chap. 81	21 19
Highways Chap. 81 Special	06
Contract Street Lights	14 78
Guide Boards and Watering Tubs	48 65
Snow and ice removal	23 95
Worcester Road Special	40 83
State Colony Road, Chap. 90	448 68
Trade School	260 04
Tuberculosis Hospital Apportionment	1 00
Interest	157 87
Net Funded Debt	\$25,305 98
Net Funded Debt	500 00
	3,600 00

LIABILITIES.

Revenue Loan	\$15,000 00
Celebration Committee	5 63
Balances brought forward	
Library	15 77
Hager Park Trustees	4 77
Moth Assessment Revenue	62 60
Overlay 1927	477 56
Overlay Reserve	1,085 26
Excess and Deficiency:	
Surplus	8,654 39
	\$25,305 98
	500 00
	3,600 00

Stone Crusher Loan
Snow Plow Loan

Trust Fund Cash and Securities.	Amount		Income 1927	Income spent 1927	New Trust Funds	Amount Jan. 1, 1928
	Jan. 1, 1927					
F. W. Smith Poor Fund	\$35,123 53	\$1,688 21	\$1,822 51			\$34,989 23
J. W. Forbush Poor Fund	1,821 80	90 41	189 20			1,723 01
Upton High School Fund	12,080 25	738 24	1,441 85			11,376 64
Joseph Hager School Fund	14,395 64	627 08	600 00			14,422 72
Preston P. Ellis School Fund	1,013 04	17 48				1,030 52
M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund	1,137 67	48 68	49 00			1,137 35
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	12,160 56	596 59	450 10	\$800 00		13,107 05
Town Library Fund	1,800 00					1,800 00
M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund	525 00					525 00
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	500 00					500 00
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	1,000 00					1,000 00
A. R. Hager Library Fund	600 00					600 00
M. D. Hawes Library Fund	1,000 00					1,000 00
Lucy J. Childs Library Fund	150 00					150 00
Preston P. Ellis Library Fund	1,000 00					1,000 00
Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	300 00					300 00
Water Investment	15,000 00					15,000 00
	\$99,607 49					\$99,661 52

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Cash on hand at last report	\$9,202 70
Receipts from all sources, including money borrowed, and transfers of income from Trust Funds for disbursement	134,312 04
	\$143,514 74
Payments on warrants approved by Selectmen	129,512 83
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1927	14,001 91
	\$143,514 74

TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS.

Frederick W. Smith Poor Fund.

Gardner Trust Co., savings dept.	6,000 00
Gardner Savings Bank	4,000 00
Fitchburg Savings Bank	3,000 00
Athol Savings Bank	3,019 50
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank	3,000 00
Leominster Savings Bank	3,000 00
Worcester County Inst. for Savings	3,000 00

Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	\$3,000 00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	4,000 00	
Smith Farm Mortgage	1,950 00	
Gardner Trust Co., drawing account	969 73	
Total fund		\$34,989 23
Principal \$34,175.47		

Upton School Fund.

Orange Savings Bank	541 20	
Templeton Savings Bank	612 63	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	694 83	
Worcester Mechanics' Savings Bank	1,000 00	
Peoples' Savings Bank, Worcester	1,000 00	
Worcester County Ins. for Savings	1,100 00	
Central Trust Co., Cambridge	1,125 83	
Gardner Trust Co., savings dept.	884 84	
28 shares Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	3,017 31	
20 shares Pullman Inc.,	1,400 00	
Total Securities Upton fund		11,376 64
Principal. \$11,116.50		

Through re-organization of the Pullman Co. we now have 20 shares of Pullman Inc. instead of 10 shares of Pullman Co., and the dividend is at the rate of 10% in place of 8%.

Joseph Hager School Fund.

Liberty Bonds	3,000 00	
Telephone Bonds	1,000 00	
Gardner Savings Bank	4,000 00	
Leominster Savings Bank	2,000 00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	2,000 00	
Gardner Trust Co., Sav. dept,	\$2,422 72	
Total, Hager School Fund		\$14,422 72
Principal, \$12,000.		

\$7,000 of Liberty Bonds were called and by vote of the Trustees, invested in savings banks as shown.

Joseph W. Forbush Worthy Poor Fund.

Worcester North Savings Institution, Book No. 57712	\$1,723 01
Principal, \$1,000.	

Forbush Memorial Library Funds.

Town Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	\$1,800 00
M. A. Farnsworth Fund, Leominster Savings Bank	525 00
C. A. Forbush Fund, Leominster Savings Bank	500 00
J. W. Forbush Fund, Athol Savings Bank	1,000 00
A. R. Hager Fund, Gardner Savings Bank	600 00
M. D. Hawes Fund, Winchendon Savings Bank	1,000 00
Preston Ellis Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	500 00
and 5 shares John A. Dunn Co.	500 00
Lucy J. Childs Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	150 00
(new) Frederick S. Whitman Fund	300 00
Gardner Savings Bank	

Principal, total Library Trust Funds	\$6,875 00
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All income used annually.

Preston P. Ellis School Fund.

Fitchburg Savings Bank	500 00
5 shares John A. Dunn Co.	500 00
Gardner Trust Company	30 52

Total	1,030 52
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Principal \$1,000.

Milton A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund. (Mt. Pleasant)

Liberty bonds	1,000 00
Gardner Trust Company	137 35

Total	1,137 35
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Principal \$1,000.

Fitchburg Water Fund.

Union Pacific R. R. 6% bonds	\$4,000 00	
Town of Ashburnham, 4½% note	1,500 00	
Gardner Savings Bank	3,500 00	
Gardner Trust Company Savings Dept.	4,500 00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	1,500 00	
Total		\$15,000 00

Principal \$15,000.

All income used annually.

Balance on hand from sale of Town's One Hundred
 Fiftieth Anniversary (1909) books, Gardner Trust Co. 5 63
 (Souvenir Books on sale at Forbush Library.)

LIABILITIES.

Loan at Gardner Trust Co., 4½%, due March 14, 1928	15,000 00	
Loan at Gardner Trust Co., 4½%, Tractor and Snow Plow, yearly payments, final payment due Oct. 27, 1931	3,600 00	
Last payment on Stone Crusher loan, Worcester North Savings Institution 5%, due October 24, 1928	500 00	
		\$19,100 00

During 1927 the Town borrowed in anticipation of taxes \$50,000.00 of
 which \$35,000.00 has been paid.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO,

Town Treasurer.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

	Jan. 1, 1927.	Withdrawn		Jan.1,1928
		Income.	& Expen'd.	
Allen, Lyman	\$127 64	\$6 11	\$4 75	\$129 00
Allen, Frederick	119 01	5 70	5 25	119 46
Bacon, Edward	102 99	4 68	2 00	105 67
Baker, Ellen L.	104 38	4 99	2 60	106 77
Baker, Eliza	82 08	3 73	60	85 21
Barnes, Sarah M.	103 39	4 69	2 60	105 48
Bartow, Hattie Wheeler	50 00	2 26	60	51 66
Battles, Alfred	111 06	5 05	2 60	113 51
Beaman, Ruth P.	62 50	2 84	1 60	63 74
Benjamin, Wm. H.	113 56	5 16	2 60	116 12
Bolton, Alonzo D.	108 45	5 20	3 60	110 05
Boiton, Franklin E.	100 62	4 56	2 60	102 58
Brown, John	135 65	6 51	2 10	140 06
Brown, Timothy	109 72	4 98	3 25	111 45
Brooks, S. E. and A.	210 84	9 61	5 20	215 25
Borey, M. J.	59 44	2 68	2 00	60 12
Childs, Lucy J.	204 82	9 35	2 60	211 57
Cutler, Jonas	107 72	5 16	2 60	110 28
Cowee, Sarah M.	117 89	5 63	3 50	120 02
Coleman and Derby	167 53	8 03	3 60	171 96
Durling, A. R.	109 87	4 99	14 60	100 26
Dupree, Charles H. & Mary A.	220 34	10 56	14 60	216 30
Daisy, Henry H.	104 36	4 99	2 60	106 75
Derby, Walter	101 49	4 59	3 60	102 48
Eaton, Mary W.	54 39	2 44	4 80	52 03
Elliott, Flora E.	55 31	2 49	2 10	55 70
Estey, Oliver	114 98	5 21	3 35	116 84
Ellis, Preston P.	144 74	6 61	4 00	147 35
Eaton, William	129 27	6 20	3 75	131 72
Eaton, Marshall	114 81	5 48	3 25	117 04
Eaton, Stillman	51 32	2 45	6 75	47 02
Estabrook, J. W.	56 94	2 71	1 80	57 85
Foskett, Sarah A.	54 79	2 75	2 10	55 44

	Withdrawn			
	Jan. 1, 1927.	Income.	& Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1928
Forbush, Charles A.	\$139 78	\$6 70	\$5 00	\$141 48
Forbush, Joseph W.	206 47	9 90	2 30	214 07
Farnsworth, Mary A.	63 87	3 04	2 10	64 8 1
Goodridge, John C.	137 74	6 26	3 60	140 4 0
Healy and Dalrymple	54 69	2 45	2 10	55 04
Hager, Joseph	402 43	18 38	8 60	412 21
Hager, George W.	74 23	3 56	2 10	75 69
Hager, Elijah	78 40	3 75	2 10	80 0 5
Harris and Barnes	121 03	5 57	22 60	103 94
Holden and Eames	128 37	6 15	2 00	132 52
Harrington and Wheeler	52 94	2 52	1 80	53 6 6
Hood, M. E.	121 49	5 82	2 60	124 71
Hartwell, Leander	63 43	3 04	2 10	64 37
Haynes, George N.	114 61	5 20	3 25	116 56
Hill, David W.	224 86	10 25	3 60	231 51
Jackson, Levi and Jane	107 29	4 87	3 10	109 06
Kendall, Edward S. & Mary E.	106 82	4 84	2 10	109 56
Kendall, Edward F.	400 96	18 31	10 60	408 6 7
Leland, H. J.	58 36	2 64	2 10	58 90
Lewis, Nelson	110 63	5 02	2 30	113 35
Lamb, Stephen F.	109 72	4 98	5 60	109 10
Learned and Goodnow	107 40	4 87	2 60	109 67
Lynde, John & Lucy K.	144 29	7 33	60	151 02
Merriam, Read	101 49	4 59	1 60	104 48
Merriam, Thos.	101 49	4 59	1 60	104 48
Miller, James W.	133 84	6 08	20 60	119 32
Miller, John C.	121 55	5 52	24 60	102 47
Miller, Joseph and Emily	52 64	2 36	2 10	52 90
Miles and Puffer	62 68	3 15	5 00	60 83
Marshall, Julia L.	103 37	4 70	2 60	105 47
Merriam, Francis	107 66	4 88	3 85	108 69
Mayo, William	225 64	11 31	6 25	230 70
Minott, Joseph	106 19	5 08	1 30	109 97
Merriam, Artemas	186 24	8 93	6 90	188 27
Merriam, Oliver M.	110 48	5 29	2 60	113 17

	Jan. 1, 1927.	Income.	Withdrawn & Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1928
*Minott, Fanny	\$100 00	\$ 83	\$	\$100 83
*McAllister, Rev. Wm. C.	100 00	1 67	60	101 07
Nichols, Charles	183 65	8 35	4 75	187 25
Nichols, Frederick	106 67	4 84	4 60	106 91
Partridge, Seaver & Hartwell	150 82	7 22	7 70	150 34
Pierce, Elisha	245 84	11 78	19 60	238 02
Page, Porter F.	219 01	10 52	2 60	226 93
Puffer, Rev. Stephen	52 16	2 49		54 65
Peckham, Horatio	50 94	2 29	2 10	51 13
Raymond, Abijah H.	111 44	5 06	2 60	113 90
Ray, Ivers	124 70	5 96	4 75	125 91
*Ray, Hiram	100 00	3 08		103 08
Rice, Wm. S.	100 37	4 54	1 60	103 31
Rider, Wm. D.	50 30	2 26	1 80	50 76
Saunders, Amos	50 30	2 26	1 80	50 76
Sawin, Otis W. & L. Ashton	195 81	8 94	2 60	202 15
Smith, Sarah B.	86 74	4 13	31 60	59 27
Stearns, Sarah H.	113 88	5 44	2 60	116 72
Spaulding and Rugg	220 76	10 59		231 35
Upton, George C.	869 89	44 28	18 60	895 57
Walton, Joseph L.	53 53	2 40	1 80	54 13
Wetherbee, Lina W.	107 90	4 89	3 60	109 19
Wood, Charles P.	31 92	1 42		33 34
Woodbury, Joseph	76 08	3 43	1 30	78 21
Whitney, John	133 72	6 10	4 00	135 82
Ware, Abigail E.	217 87	11 08	3 30	225 65
Whipple and Hackett	98 88	4 72	1 50	102 10
Wyman, Sophia L.	142 70	6 84	3 60	145 94
Wheeler, Delia A.	51 30	2 31		53 61
Whitney, Malcom R.	101 25	4 59	60	105 24
*Whitman, Fred S.	500 00	19 76	21 80	497 96
Young, Fidelia Sawin	56 70	2 71	1 30	58 11

*New in 1927.

Total perpetual care cemetery lot funds, \$13,107.05
 The bank books 141 in number, as well as the certificates representing
 the funds within listed have all been verified since Jan. 1, 1928.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

To the Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1927.

The past year has been marked by a steady increase in the circulation of books, which is far beyond that of any previous year.

Altho a considerable number of volumes have been accessioned, the demand for books for home and school use is much greater than the supply. To meet this demand books are constantly borrowed from other libraries.

The Division of Public Libraries has loaned many books and the traveling libraries in the Finnish language are in constant use.

The Junior and Senior High Schools are given a course of instruction in the use of the library each year.

The attendance in the reading and reference rooms has been large and many people from out of town come to visit the library museum.

Thru the efforts of Mrs. Florence T. Dawley, funds were contributed for equipping the large fir tree on the library lawn for a community Christmas tree which made a beautiful center for the singing of Christmas carols by the Girl Scouts, and which will give out Christmas cheer in the years to come.

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

Days open	103
Largest day's circulation, Mar. 9	228
Smallest day's circulation, July 27	61
Average daily circulation	125
Circulation for year	12,866
Narrows Branch	2,350
South Westminster School	960
Total circulation	16,176
Number of volumes added by purchase	232
Number of volumes added by gift	106
Number of volumes discarded	26
Number of volumes in library	11,722

Part of the gifts and purchases are accessioned in the next year.

GIFTS.

Six photographs, Teachers and pupils of the Center Schools, 1926,	Mr. Thaddeus B. Fenno
Drum of the Civil War period,	
Indian moccasins. sewn with porcupine quills,	
Fire buckets, Photo of Congressional doors, and six plaster casts by	
Olin Warner,	Melville Warner
Bronze plates for above casts,	Mrs. Rosalie Warner Jones
Dictionary, platter and portraits of George and Martha Washington,	
	Mrs. Charles Baker

BOOKS.

History of the Civil War,	Mr. Charles Knight
Builders of America, by Prof. Ellsworth Huntington and Leon F.	
Whitney,	Mr. Leon F. Whitney
Alum in baking powder,	
	Royal Baking Powder Company
Birds of Mass. and other eastern states,	The Commonwealth
History of the Incandescent lamp,	John W. Howell

War photographs taken on the battlefields of the Civil War,

History of the United States,

Basic facts of Economics,

Two volumes,

Twenty-one volumes,

Twenty-four volumes,

Fifty-three volumes,

Two hundred eighty-six volumes,

Mr. G. A. Sargent

Miss Constance Stecher

By the Publishers

American Tree Association

Mr. Sidney Harrocks

Rev. Drew T. Wyman

Mr. C. A. Adams

Mrs. J. L. Shepard

PERIODICALS.

American Legion,

Christian Leader,

Congregationalist and Community Herald,

Missions,

Watchman,

Popular Science Monthly,

Elks Magazine,

Woman's Home Companion,

Goodwill,

American Legion Auxiliary

Universalist, Ladies' Social Circle

Congregational Church

Baptist Mission Circle

Mrs. Ida E. Merriam

Rev. W. S. Randall

Mr. C. B. Dawley

Miss Ida Delva

Morgan Memorial

American Child, Christian Century, Child Labor Bulletin, Religious Education, Wellspring, Spellman Messenger, Healthy Home, Successful Farming, Tufts College Graduate, Industrial Student, M. A. C. Alumni Bulletin, M. A. C. Reports, Worcester County Farmer, Nation's Business, and National Grange Monthly,

Rev. Lucy Milton Giles

New Near East, Bell Telephone Quarterly, Tycos Rochester, Alpha Aids, American Issue, B'nai B'rith, How to sell, Mazdaznan, Living Tissue, Humane Education, National Republic, Mental Hygiene, Our Dumb Animals, Model Maker.

The Publishers

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH F. GREENE,

Librarian.

Report of Trustees

Forbush Memorial Library

Four meetings of the Board have been held, and four of the Book Committee.

Desiring to have our reference department up to date, the Book Committee has had installed the latest edition of the Encyclopaedia Britanica and the Standard Dictionary. Ninety four books, some fiction, some travel and adventure and some technical, have also been ordered. Besides these, the librarian has, out of a definite sum designated by the book committee, endeavored to meet the most urgent needs of the schools in the way of books for required reading in the grades and high school, thus making a very appreciable contribution which otherwise would come out of the funds appropriated for the schools.

The children are also assisted in their research work by the librarians, and several girls are being instructed in library work.

We have had quite a large donation of books, as shown by the tabulated report of the Librarian, and for these and other gifts we thank the donors.

\$300.00 from the will of Mr. Frederick S. Whitman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a native of Westminster, has been received, the income to be used for Library purposes.

A fine new show case has been placed in the museum for the protection and preservation of valuable gifts.

It is notable that the close of 1928 will mark twenty-five years of service by our Librarian, Miss Sarah F. Greene.

The branch of the Library continues to be carried on under the efficient supervision of Miss Lizzie E. Baker, as shown in her report.

We ask the hearty co-operation of all towns people, that the library may be of the greatest good to the greatest number, and if the library is remembered in wills, its good work will be assured for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO,
CYRUS T. MILLER,
LUCY MILTON GILES,
IDA E. MERRIAM,
SARAH J. WYMAN,
WINFIELD S. RANDALL,

Trustees.

Report of Moth Superintendent.

During the past few years the work has been very much less than for several years before and by continued care, can be kept down, so that very little harm would result.

But this year only about three-fifths of the Town has been looked over and the remainder should be attended to in order to prevent harm.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. SARGENT,

Local Moth Superintendent.

Report from the Branch Library at the Narrows District.

To the Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library :—

The Branch Library which was started in February, 1924, at my home, has been continued through the years 1925, 1926 and 1927.

I have received 470 books from the Main Library during the year 1927. These books have been distributed among 60 different families, with an average circulation of five for each book, making the total circulation 2,850.

Since opening the Branch Library in February, 1924, I have received 2,491 books from the Main Library for distribution in this section of the Town.

The people appreciate the privilege of having a Branch Library here and I am glad to be of service to them in taking charge of it.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Mr. Cyrus T. Miller and Mr. Edward J. Rice for their kindness in transporting the books to and from the Library for me, and my sincere appreciation of their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE E. BAKER.

Westminster, Mass., Jan. 20, 1928.

Report of Hager Park Trustees

We have operated as usual in the wood cutting program, cutting out in spaces of no value for park purposes, 105 cords having been cut this winter at \$3.25 per cord for chopping and yarding cut.

We have kept the Town, Public Library and Schools supplied mostly from last year's cut.

For some of the schools and Library it has been delivered stove length. Amount now on hand for the coming year, one hundred cords.

The roadway through the park has been improved by putting in culverts at certain needed points.

Westminster is listed by the Massachusetts Forestry Association as one of the 77 towns having a town forest of 100 acres. Westminster also owns a few acres opposite the entrance to Woodside which was planted with pine a few years ago, and doing well.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO,
FLOYD W. VINCENT,
CARLOS E. BARRON,

Trustees,

Report of Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT. TOWN OF WESTMINSTER.

April 1, 1927, Appropriation 1927

\$100 00

EXPENDITURES.

May 10, M. E. Robertson, school talks	\$6 50	
May 10 A. E. Hurd, transportation to Jr. director's meet	2 80	9 30
Balance, Jan. 1, 1928		\$90 70

I recommend that no appropriation be made this year for local Extension Work because the greater part of last year's appropriation still remains.

It seems very unfortunate that practically no interest was shown by our folks in Town in this matter, and their failure to co-operate with Mr. Leland of the Worcester County Extension Service has severely handicaped him when he has tried several times to start work with the young people here. Opportunities in Club Work are offered with Poultry, Cattle, Gardening, Handicraft, Food, Sewing and Canning.

The Agricultural Dept. has helped some of our farmers, and what they plan to do in the coming year along forestry lines should help us in this town and we should plan to avail ourselves of this service.

Other towns avail themselves of this good work and appropriate \$200—300 yearly, which is all used in the town.

Many that would profit from this work of course live on the outskirts of our town, nevertheless, their interests and education should not be overlooked.

Very truly yours,

ERNEST M. VIEWEG,

Town Director.

Annual Reports
School Committee
—AND—
Superintendent of Schools.



For the Year Ending December 31st,
1927

DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

School Committee.

Mrs. Katherine Dutton, Chairman	Term expires 1928
Richard W. Ahlin, Secretary	Term expires 1930
Thaddeus B. Fenno, resigned June 1927	Term expires 1929
Charles W. Smith, (to fill vacancy until annual election)	

Superintendent of Schools, Harold E. Jackman, Sterling, Mass.
Phone Sterling 78.

School Physician, George A. Mossman, M. D.
Gardner, Mass.

School Nurse, Helen McKowen, Gardner, Mass.

Supervisor of Drawing, Claire Comtois, Worcester.

Supervisor of Music, Priscilla Thurston, Leominster, Mass.

Attendance Officer, Harold A. Towle.

SCHOOL CALENDAR—1928.

Winter term: All schools, 12 weeks, January 3 to March 23.

Spring term: All schools, 12 weeks. April 2 to June 22.

Fall term: All schools, 16 weeks, September 5 to December 21.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils not absent or tardy during school year of 1926—27.

High School.

Lucile French	Howard Morse	Raymond Morse	Evelyn Newton
	Marion Roper	Mary Smith	Paul Smith

Junior High.

Velma Flagg	Edna Mackey	Lily Morin	Howard Winter
			Grades 5 and 6.

Ethel Conant	Barbara Howard	Edgar Holmes	Sali Maki
	Edwin Tabbutt		

Grade 4.

Peter Arcangeli	Earl Stanton
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Grade 1.

Chester Caswell	Gordon Whitney
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Rural.

Leo Kangas	George Maki	Laura Walkonen,	Esther Waltonen
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Average membership for school year 1926—27, 296.

Average daily attendance for the same period, 283.

Per cent. of attendance, 96.

Per cent. of attendance for first four months of 1927—28.

High School	97	Junior High	98
Grades 5—6	98	Grades 3—4	97
Grades 1—2	95	Depot	95
Lake	95	No. Common	98
Narorws	95	So. Westminster	96
Whitmanville	96		

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Committee:

This is my third annual report and the thirty-eighth in the series of superintendents' reports.

A report of school conditions should aim to bring out encouraging features as well as the reverse. In reviewing the Westminster school program for the past year I look upon the progress that has been made in the Junior Senior High School as the most encouraging feature of the work. More than one factor is responsible for this progress. The active interest taken by the school committee, not alone in the program of the school but in providing new equipment that has added to the interest of present courses and made it possible to open new courses. A more determined group of pupils from a scholastic point of view and finally the corps of teachers. The retention of three of the corps of last year, with what has proven to have been a wise selection of new teachers, has had a very pronounced effect on the progress of the schools.

Because of the number of students desiring to enter college and normal school the entrance requirements are being raised. Pupils are now admitted to normal schools according to rank obtained in high school rather than by order of registration as in past years. To enter college a pupil must have certificate privilege or take the College Board Examinations. This goes to show that the high school must maintain a high standard of scholarship in order to have its pupils admitted to college and normal school. In order to meet these requirements the high school in turn must require a higher standard of scholarship from those who enter from the grades. We need the help of every parent in order to obtain the best results. There are so many attractions and so many

demands upon the time of young people of to-day that great care is necessary on the part of the home.

A large per cent. of high school boys and girls do not go to college or normal school. In many of the smaller high schools this group has been sadly neglected as to courses that would help to fit for a life work. The effort that has been made this year to provide for this group is most praiseworthy. Let us hope that in time the courses may be extended to embrace agriculture and practical arts.

January 19, 1928, Mr. Frank P. Morse, Supervisor of secondary Education in Massachusetts, visited the Westminster High School. Following, I am quoting from a brief report made by Mr. Morse on his visit. "At the present time the school is in most respects comfortably housed. It is apparent that the coming year with a large freshman class coming in and a small graduating class, the school will be obliged to take care of a considerably larger number of high school pupils. In particular, the classes in science will be too large to be taken care of in the room which is now used chiefly as a recitation room. I recommend that the small room facing the main entrance of the building and the small room above it, be altered to suit the needs of the High School for the coming year. One of these could be made into a laboratory capable of accommodating at least a dozen pupils at a time. This room even when made into a laboratory could be provided with some seats so that it could be used also as a recitation room for small classes and of course many of the classes of the school will be small so that this room will be of further service for general purposes besides its use as a laboratory. I would recommend that the other of the two small rooms be fitted up as a business room in which the work of bookkeeping and typewriting could be carried on. The little room on the top floor which is now being used for typewriting will prove utterly inadequate in the immediate future. It can be used for storage or as a coat room, but it is of no use for instructional purposes.

"It is very important that adequate provisions be made for the sciences. I was glad to notice that the supply of apparatus for work in the sciences has been greatly increased and improved since I last visited the school.

"I approve heartily of the introduction of business courses into the work of the school and hope that work of this sort will be increased and strengthened as it becomes possible in the future.

"I am very glad to add to this report the statement that the work in the High School as a whole seemed to me to be much better than it was at the time of my last visit."

In order to care for the pupils housed in the Center schools last year, it was found necessary to open three rural schools, the Depot, Narrows and South Westminster. With these schools open it was still necessary to use the lower town hall for grades one and two.

You now have six rural schools in operation. The repairs made on these buildings have added much to the comfort and happiness of those using them. The distribution of books and supplies is the same in these schools as at the Center. Every thing is done, that can be done, to give the boys and girls in the rural schools an opportunity equal to that of the Center schools. If these schools are to be used permanently I would recommend that one school each year be made to comply with State requirements.

Your attention is called to the reports of High School Principal and School Nurse, also to tables of school statistics submitted with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD E. JACKMAN.

Superintendent.

Report of the Principal of High School.

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee:

When sessions in the High School were begun last September, the teachers found that much improvement had been made upon conditions of the previous year. The school lost a larger number of pupils than usual thru graduation last June. As a result, the enrollment in September was smaller than it has been in recent years, and it was possible to make a better distribution of study and recitation rooms.

The addition of a new storage cabinet has made a great improvement in the appearance of our laboratory. We are gradually acquiring new equipment that will greatly facilitate instruction in courses in Science.

The three typewriters which were installed for use this year have opened a new field of instruction for the school. This instruction, with that of courses in Bookkeeping, added to our curriculum last year, has made attendance in High School much more practical for those who cannot acquire more than a secondary school education.

A year ago last September all the High School teachers were new to the Town, to the pupils, and had had little or no previous teaching experience. This year three of them returned to Westminster. It is their opportunity to correct the mistakes they made the first year they were in Westminster. Their knowledge of the problems confronting the pupils as individuals, and the acquaintances they have made among the townspeople should be a decided benefit to the cause of education in this community.

I am of the opinion that many of the townspeople feel that Westminster High School does not have as high a standard as high schools

in larger towns. Since such a feeling is detrimental to any school, I think I should make a few statements in this report to disprove the idea that our school is of inferior grade.

A high school should have a course of study which will enable its graduates to gain admission to, and, carry on the work of, our best colleges and universities. This standard is maintained by all good high schools; it is the standard we are attempting to maintain in Westminster High School. Altho we cannot offer as many courses in our curriculum as larger schools do, we devote approximately the same length of time to those courses which we teach here, and cover the same amount of work in each course, as do the larger schools in teaching the same subjects. This condition is particularly true of our English, Language, History, and other courses which are presented to the student thru lecture and reading work. In Science, however, we are handicapped by lack of laboratory space and proper equipment, and cannot do as good work as larger and better equipped schools. This situation, in time, can and will be improved, however.

I regret the lack of a place more suitable than the Town Hall where in keeping with the trend of modern education, we might give instruction and training in physical education; where school plays, parties, etc., might be held; where we might be able to assemble our entire student body at definite periods.

I am sure that the introduction, to our course of study, of the commercial subjects, Bookkeeping and Typing, has made our school much more practical for many of its pupils. I recommend that this work be continued and that it be enlarged upon as the need arises.

For the future, I would suggest, for your consideration, the addition, to the curriculum of the High School, of courses in Agriculture, Home Economics, and Domestic Science as a means of making a high school education still more practical for the boys and girls of this community.

I hope that the work of you, who are in charge of Westminster's educational system, will continue to be progressive. Today, we either progress with the world, or, standing still, we are left behind.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES ROSS.

Report of School Nurse.

I herewith submit report as school nurse from Jan. 1, 1927 to Dec 31, 1927.

Number of days spent at schools, 80

Center school—51

Grades in Town Hall—51

Grades at Church—28

Grades at No. Common—38

Grades at Whitmanville—38

Grades at Lake—38

Grades at So. Westminster—16

Grades at Depot—16

Grades at Narrows—16

Home visits—134

Telephone follow ups—11

Children taken to a doctor's office for treatment—4

Treatments and dressings at the schools—88

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

Whooping cough—1

Impetigo—2

Scabies—2

The children in all the schools were weighed and measured, 83 found to be underweight. The eyes examined in all schools, 15 found to be defective. Of this number 12 have consulted some doctor and 9 have been fitted to glasses. The ears were examined in all the schools—one found defective. This child was taken to the doctor's office for treatment and has improved. Heads examined in all the schools and all but three found in good condition and these three have shown improvement. 11 were operated upon for tonsils and adenoids.

The Red Cross has helped substantially in the work among the school children, paying for the examinations of eyes for two children and for glasses for one, also paying for two operations for tonsils and adenoids and during November and December for a bottle of milk a day for 7 of the underweights. Two of the children attended the Health Camp at Ashburnham last July where they improved in health and weight. Miss Thomas and Miss Robertson of the U. S. Department of Agriculture spent a day in the schools last April, showing slides and telling health stories.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN T. McKOWEN, R. N.

Princeton—Westminster—Sterling
Annual Prize Speaking Contest, May 2nd, 1927.

PROGRAM

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| 1. Music, "On Parade" | Zamecnik |
| Sterling High School Orchestra | |
| 2. Music | Selected |
| Sterling Grades 5, 6. | |
| 3. "Mark Antony's Original Oration" | Anonymous |
| Frank Friberg | |
| 4. "The Leak in the Dyke" | Carey |
| Vesta Mason | |
| 5. "The Gift of Tritemius" | Whittier |
| Rosamond Patten | |
| 6. Music, "The Mountain Stream" | Beethoven |
| Mixed Chorus, Sterling | |
| 7. Music, "Sailing" | Wilson |
| Boys' Chorus, Princeton | |
| 8. "A Message to Garcia" | Hubbard |
| Robert Mason | |
| 9. "What Is Success?" | Guest |
| Charles Ramsdell | |
| 10. "The High Brotherhood" | Marsh |
| Lucille French | |
| 11. Vocal Solos—(a) "The Lamplit Hour" | Penn |
| (b) "In May Time" | Speaks |
| Louise Murdock | |
| 12. Music, "Sundown" | Tillotson |
| Girls' Chorus, Westminster | |
| 13. "Laasca" | Desprez |
| Edmund Newton | |
| 14. "Thanatopsis" | Bryant |
| Margaret Gibson | |
| 15. "He Knew Lincoln" | Tarbell |
| Roger Needham | |
| 16. Music, "Song of the Vagabonds" | Frimit |
| Sterling School Orchestra | |

17. Community Singing.

18. Judges' Decision.

Judges: Dr. Vernon A. Jones, Clark University, Mr. Lewis M. Sleeper, Clark University, Mr. George F. Baker, Clark University.

Prize Winners:—First Girl, Lucile French, Westminster, Second Girl—Margaret Gibson, Sterling. First Boy—Roger Needham, Princeton Second Boy—Charles Ramsdell, Sterling.

Graduation exercises last year began with the church services in the Congregational Church, on Sunday, June nineteenth. The graduating class attended in a body and Rev. Winfield Randall delivered the Baccalaureate Address.

On Monday afternoon, at two thirty o'clock, the following exercises constituted the Class Day Program which was held in the Congregational Church.

Welcome Address,	Marshall French
Song—"The Merry Heart"	School
Class History,	Ilmi Koski
Class Will,	Edna Hurd
Class Prophecy,	Alice Smith
Class Gifts, Elma Kahkola, Mary Smith, Raymond Morse	
Farewell Address,	Kaino Krans
Commencement Song,	School
Address,	Major Fred Keough

The program for the graduation exercises and the class roll is as follows:

March

Invocation	Rev. Drew T. Wyman
Song, "Paeon to Summer" Suppe	School Chorus
Essay, "Steps"	Bernice M. Rowe
Violin Selections, (a) "To the Evening Star"	Wagner
(b) "To All Eternity"	Mascheroni
Mr. Charles Spaulding	
Essay, "Potentialities of America's Coming Generations"	
Thayer H. French	
Essay, "The Path of Education in Westminster"	Mary L. Kanto

- Solos, (a) "At Dawning" C. W. Cadman
 (b) "Mother, Oh! My Mother!" Ernest R. Ball
 Mr. Alfred Thurston
 Address, "What's the Use?" Rev. Howard M. Pease
 Song, "Hours of Dreaming" School Chorus
 Award of Prizes and Diplomas,
 Harold E. Jackman, Superintendent of Schools
 Reception

CLASS ROLL.

Marshall Reynolds French	Thayer Hall French
Evelyn Willis Hicks	Elmi Esther Hill
Edna Mary Hurd	O. Elma Kahkola
Mary Lempi Kanto	Ilmi Mary Koski
Kaino Amanda Krans	H. Raymond Morse
Marion Isabel Roper	Bernice May Rowe
Alice Esther Smith	Mary Bigelow Smith
Ruth May St. John	

ENROLLMENT, SEPT. 1927.

Schools	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII Total
Center	16	16	14	16	14	14	25	14	16	9	11	3 168
Depot	4	3	7	2	0	3						19
Lake	0	3	2	3	5	3						16
Narrows	5	5	3	5	3	4						25
North Common	2	3	3	1	5	2						16
South Westminster	2	2	5	2	4	3						18
Whitmanville	2	4	3	2	3	4	4					22

Total 31 36 37 31 34 33 29 14 16 9 11 3 284

Boys 132. Girls 152.

TEACHING PERSONNEL.

Teacher	School	Home Address	Training	Teaching exp'nce prior Sept. 1927
Charles F. Ross	High, Principal	Lee, Mass.	Mass. Agricul.	2
Maurice P. Billings	High, Asst. Principal	Ellsworth, Me.	Univ. of Maine	1
Marion S. Fuller	High,	Walpole, Mass.	Wheaton	0
Anna Peirce Rockel	High,	Westminster, Mass.	Boston Univ.	1
Alice A. Richards	High,	Mansfield, Mass.	Wheaton	0
Dorothy Glazier	Grades 5 and 6	Fitchburg	Fitchburg	3
Gertrude R. Shannon	Grades 3 and 4	Westminster	Cleveland Normal	14
Doris Fenno	Grades 1 and 2	Westminster	Fitchburg and Hyannis Nor.	6
Carrie Estabrook	Lake	Westminster	Fitchburg and Hyannis Nor.	16
Pearl Wells	North Common	Concord, Mass.	Fitchburg	1
Lillian Rickaby	Depot	Dedham, Mass.	Fitchburg	1
Martha Leino	Narrows	Westminster, Mass.	Fitchburg	0
Anna E. Kahkola	So. Westminster	Westminster, Mass.	Fitchburg	0
Charles G. Hapgood	Whitmanville	Marlboro, Mass.	Fitchburg	0

SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATION RECOMMENDATIONS—1928.

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

General Government.

Salaries of Town Officers and expenses	\$2,000 00
Town Hall maintenance	1,000 00

Protection of Persons and Property.

Constables	500 00
Fire Department	1,200 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100 00
Tree Warden	100 00

Health and Sanitation.

Board of Health	500 00
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Highways.

General Repairs, under Chapter 81	3,080 00
Mile Hill Road	2,000 00
State Colony Road	1,000 00
Snow and Ice, (highways)	2,000 00
Snow and Ice, (sidewalks)	100 00
Sidewalks, (repairs)	50 00
Bridges	1,000 00

Watering tubs and guide boards	\$50 00
Electric lights for streets	1,910 00

Soldiers' Benefits.

State Aid	144 00
Soldiers' Relief	300 00

Schools.

(Including amount from State)	30,000 00
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Forbush Library.

Dog fund and	1,000 00
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Cemeteries.

600 00

Interest Payments.

1,300 00

Payment of Debt.

Stone Crusher note	500 00
Tractor note	1,000 00

Unclassified.

Memorial Day	125 00
Town Clock	20 00
Printing Town Reports	300 00
Care of World War Memorial	100 00
Tuition at Trade Schools	833 00
Miscellaneous	200 00

LIST OF JURORS.

George A. Sargent, Farmer	Wilho W. Mayranen, Salesman
Arno E. Hurd, Farmer	Wallace D. Flagg, Laborer
Leroy W. Hutchinson, Shipping Clerk	Alvin V. Rinqvist, Machinist
Cyrus T. Miller, Retired	Charles V. Earle, Auto Mechanic
Frank W. Fenno, Banker	James P. Dugan, Farmer
George L. Dawley, Manufacturer	Edward J. Rice, Salesman
Harold A. Towle, Fireman	Richard W. Ahlin, Accountant
Frank S. Smith, Farmer	William F. Percy, Blacksmith
Royal L. Frye, Painter	Matthew Handlin, Station Agent
S. Edwin Story, Jeweler	

Town Warrant Annual Town Meeting

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westminster, in the County aforesaid: **GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Westminster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Westminster, on Monday the fifth day of March, 1928, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear the report of any Committee chosen by the Town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, or terms of three years.

Art. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the following departments: General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Town Hall, Health and Sanitation, Highways, Schools, Libraries, Cemeteries, Payment of Interest, Payment of Debt, Unclassified, Public Welfare, Soldiers' Benefits.

Art. 5. To see what compensation the Town will allow the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, and determine the terms upon which they shall be collected, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1928, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen, or act relative thereto.

Art. 8. To choose all necessary Committees for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will choose an agent or agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting Taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred forty-three dollars and eighty-three cents, (\$143.83) to pay the assessment for tuberculosis under Chapter 111 of the General Laws and Chapter 501 of the Acts and Resolves of 1924.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to pay the tuition of students attending the Worcester Trade School, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to take out Liability Insurance for its employees, raise and appropriate any sum of money for said purpose, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,217.04 from the excess and deficiency to take care of overdrafts, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to install a street light on Nichols Street near Stanbridge Garage, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to sell the former No. 3 'South,' and former No. 6 'North' schoolhouses, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred and Eighty-four Dollars and Twenty-nine cents, (\$584.29) for the suppression of gypsy and brown tail moths, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to sell the piece of land located on the Gardner State Road, adjoining the land of C. E. Barron, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to sell the parcel of land located on academy hill adjoining the land of Ellen Wright and Elmina E. Earle, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to choose a Director in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 128 of the General Laws, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to comply with the requirements of State Inspector of Public Buildings, for buildings used for school purposes, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new set of hay scales, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, (\$2,000.00) for rebuilding the so-called Mile Hill Road, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate One Thousand Dollars, (\$1,000.00) to continue the improvements on the State Colony Road, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of rebuilding the So. Ashburnham Road in accordance with Chapter 90, of the General Laws, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for repairing the Road from the residence of E. M. Vieweg to the So. Ashburnham road, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars, (\$1,000.00) to repair and improve the road from Bacon Street to the North Common, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 28. To see what the Town will do to repair the road leading from Gate House, Westminster Narrows, to a point on Worcester Road, near the lower end of Lake Wachusett, and act in relation thereto.

Art. 29. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for constructing new sidewalks, or act in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office and Town Hall in said Town, seven days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

L. W. FRENCH,

S. E. STORY,

F. W. DERBY,

Selectmen of Westminster.

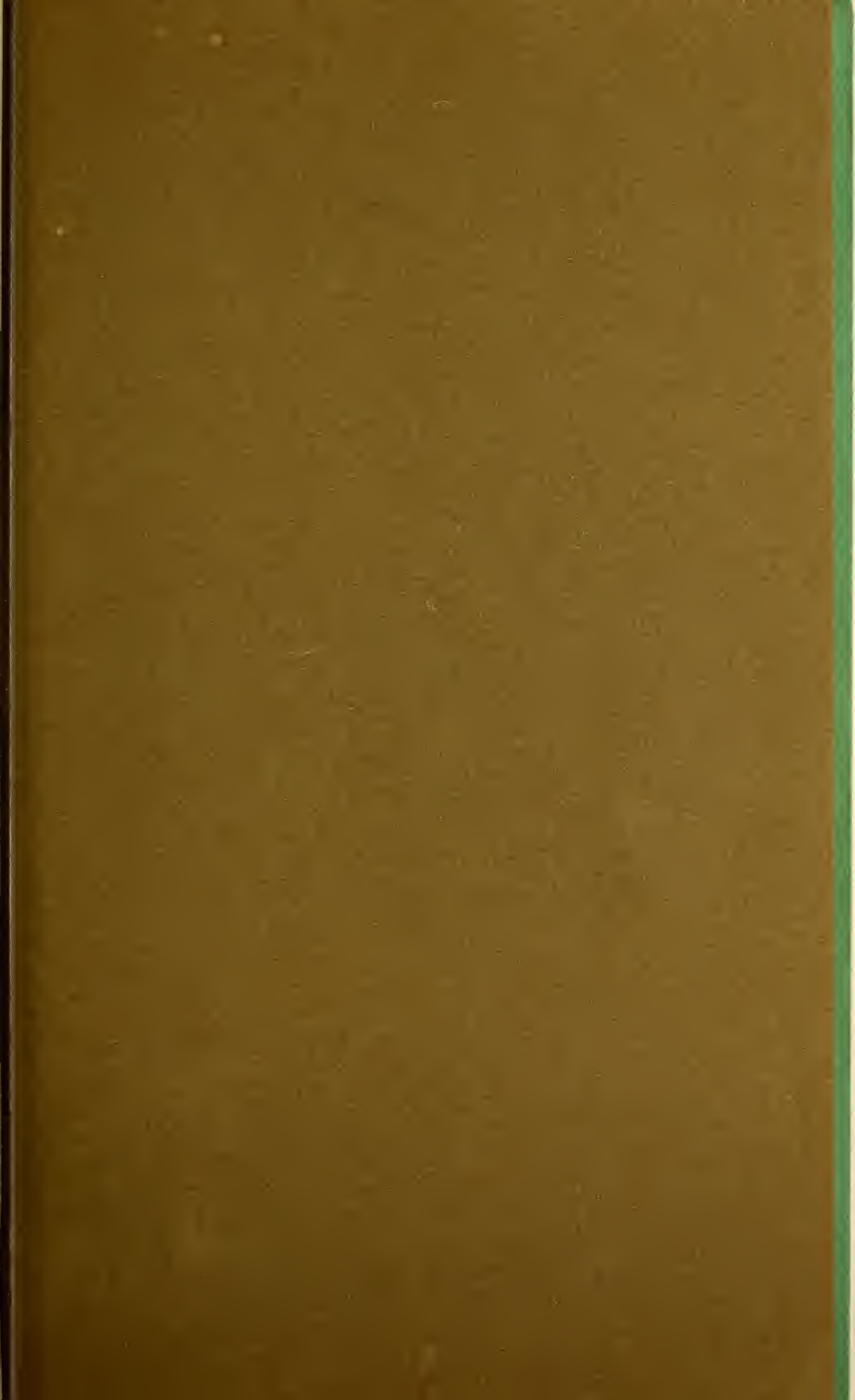
A true copy, attest:

S. E. STORY,

Clerk of Selectmen.

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\$55.70

29.70
2
59.40

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1928

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1928.

There were ten Town Meetings held during the year 1928.
(In the following reports of Town Meetings it is a synopsis from records of each meeting).

TOWN MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 13, 1928.

Article 1.

Frank W. Derby was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

Under this article motion was made "That the Town raise and appropriate \$5,000. ; the same to be expended in making alterations and improvements in buildings used for school purposes to meet the requirements of the State Inspector of Public Buildings."

Voted (as a substitute motion) that the whole matter be referred to the next annual Town meeting.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES,

Town Clerk.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 5, 1928.

Article 1.

Arno E. Hurd was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

(To hear the report of any committee)

No committee reported under this article.

Article 3.

The following is a list of Town Officers chosen together with those whose term of office has not expired:

TOWN CLERK

Charles F. Giles

TREASURER

Frank W. Fenno

SELECTMEN

Edward R. Miller was chosen for three years

S. Edwin Story, term expires March, 1929

Lucius W. French, term expires March, 1930

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Lucius W. French was chosen for three years

Maud I. Miller, term expires March, 1929

Note.—Charles L. Smith, whose term would have expired March, 1930, resigned as a member of the Board of Public Welfare, effective May 10, 1928, and Cyrus T. Miller was appointed July 2, 1928 to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

ASSESSORS

Emory J. Raymond was chosen for three years

Henry L. Curtis, term expires March, 1929

Arno E. Hurd, term expires March, 1930

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Henry L. Curtis was chosen for three years

Charles L. Smith was chosen for one year.

Note.—Henry L. Curtis resigned as a member of the School Committee July 28, 1928. Charles L. Smith and Richard W. Ahlin resigned as members of the School Committee December 8, 1928.

(See report of Town Meeting held December 21, 1928 for names of members of School Committee elected to fill the vacancies caused by the above resignations.)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Lucy M. Giles was chosen for three years

Cyrus T. Miller was chosen for three years

Ida E. Merriam, term expires March, 1929

Frank W. Fenno, term expires March, 1929

Sarah J. Wyman, term expires March, 1930

Winfield S. Randall, whose term would have expired March, 1930, resigned as a member of the Board of Library Trustees effective April 25, 1928 and Maurice P. Billings was appointed December 3, 1928 to fill the vacancy until the next annual Town meeting.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Elmer Walker was elected for three years.

Frank S. Parks, term expires March, 1929

Windsor F. Neal, term expires March, 1930

HAGER PARK COMMISSIONERS

Floyd W. Vincent was chosen for three years

Frank W. Fenno, term expires March, 1929

Carlos E. Barron, term expires March, 1930

TAX COLLECTOR

Windsor F. Neal

CONSTABLE

Harold A. Towle

TREE WARDEN

Emory J. Raymond

TRUSTEE OF HAGER SCHOOL FUND

Laura M. Miller

MEASURERS OF WOOD, LUMBER AND BARK

Nathan D. Howard	Emil A. Wuth
Wickliffe H. Waterhouse	Harold D. Merriam
Edward R. Flagg	Edward F. Hetu
Amboy H. Proctor	Frank S. Smith

Article 4.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Note—In the following table appropriations under other articles are also included in order to show the total amount appropriated.

Salaries of Town Officers and expenses	\$2,000
Town Hall Maintenance	1,000
Board of Public Welfare Expense	150
Constables	500
Fire Department	1,200
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100
Tree Warden	100
Board of Health	500
General repairs of Highways—Chapter 81	3,080
Mile Hill Road	2,000
State Colony Road	1,000
So. Ashburnham Road, under Chap. 90	1,000
Vieweg Road	500
No. Common Road, (appropriation only, \$1,000)	
Gate House Road, (appropriation only, \$2,000)	

Snow and Ice removal (highways)	\$2,000	
Snow and Ice removal (sidewalks)	100	
Sidewalks (repairs)	100	
Bridges	1,000	
Watering Tubs and Guide Boards	50	
Electric Lights for Streets	1,910	
Special appropriation for bills	90.75	
State Aid.	(appropriation only \$144)	
Soldiers' Relief	300	
Schools (including amount from State)	30,000	
Forbush Library—dog license fund and	1,100	
Cemeteries	600	
Interest payments	1,300	
Stone Crusher note	500	
Tractor note	1,000	
Memorial Day	125	
Care of Town Clock	20	
Printing Town Reports	300	
Care of World War Memorial	100	
Tuition at Trade Schools	833	
Miscellaneous	200	
Assessment for Tuberculosis	143.83	
Liability Insurance	350	
Overdrafts,	(appropriation only, \$727.53)	
Gypsy and Brown Tail moths	584.29	
Repair of Hay Scales	25	
	Total	\$55,861 87

Article 5.

Voted that the Tax Collector be allowed one cent on each dollar collected and subject to the following conditions:

All taxes shall be due October 1st, 1928.

Interest charges shall start from November 1st, 1928.

All taxes paid after Nov. 1st, 1928 shall pay six per cent. per annum additional.

Article 6.

Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1928 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 7.

Voted to accept the list as revised and printed in Town Report with exception of the name of Harold A. Towle which was withdrawn from the list because he was serving as Constable.

Article 8.

Voted that a committee of seven be chosen by nomination from the floor and hand vote to serve as a committee to get all necessary information for discontinuing or continuing the present high school, or any other information pertaining to the school situation, including the Upton will, and to report within sixty days.

The committee chosen was as follows:— Carlos E. Barron, Sarah J. Wyman, Otto A. Leino, Arthur L. Stone, Wickliffe H. Waterhouse, Henry L. Curtis and E. Frances Merriam.

Article 9.

Voted and chose the Selectmen as agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town.

Article 10.

Voted to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

Article 11.

Voted \$143.83 to pay the assessment for tuberculosis.

Article 12.

Voted \$833 to pay the tuition of students attending the Worcester Trade School.

Article 13.

Voted \$300 for the purpose of taking out liability insurance for Town employees.

Article 14.

Voted \$727.53 from the excess and deficiency fund to take care of overdrafts.

Article 15.

(Article to see if the Town will appropriate \$25 to install a street light on Nichols Street)

Voted to pass over the article.

Article 16.

(Article to see if the Town will vote to sell No. 3 and No. 6 school houses.)

Voted to pass over the article.

Article 17.

Voted \$584.29 for suppression of gypsy and brown-tail moths.

Article 18.

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction the piece of land located on the Gardner State Road adjoining the land of C. E. Barron.

Article 19.

(Article to see if the Town will vote to sell the parcel of land located on Academy Hill adjoining the land of Ellen Wright and Elmina E. Earle.)

Voted that the matter be referred to the Selectmen and that they be authorized to give a deed in behalf of the inhabitants of the Town of Westminster for the lot of land specified in the article if a reasonable offer is received for the same, and provided that the Board of Selectmen, after due consideration, think such a course seems to be for the best interest of the Town and voted, upon amendment, that if the land be sold it be sold at public auction.

Article 20.

Voted and chose Ernest M. Vieweg (Agricultural) Town Director in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 128 of the General Laws.

Article 21.

(Article to see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to comply with the requirements of State Inspector of Public Buildings.)

Voted to pass over the article.

Article 22.

Voted \$25 to repair Hay Scales.

Article 23.

Voted \$2,000. for rebuilding Mile Hill Road.

Article 24.

Voted \$1,000 to continue the improvements on the State Colony road.

Article 25.

Voted \$1,000 for rebuilding the So. Ashburnham road in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Article 26.

Voted \$500 for repairing the road from residence of E. M. Vieweg to the So. Ashburnham road.

Article 27.

Voted to appropriate from the general fund for roads \$1,000 to repair and improve the road from Bacon street to North Common.

Article 28.

Voted to appropriate from the general fund for roads the sum of \$2,000 to repair the road from the Gate House to a point on the Worcester road.

Article 29.

(Article to see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for constructing new sidewalks.)

Voted to pass over the article.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES, Town Clerk.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION.

Held April 24, 1928.

The polls were open from 4 to 8 o'clock, P. M.

Total number of ballots cast	87
Republican ballots cast	84
Democratic ballots cast	3

Meeting dissolved.

CHARLES F. GILES, Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 8, 1928.

Article 1.

Lucius W. French was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

H. L. Curtis read the report of the committee chosen at last Annual Town Meeting to investigate the school question and it was voted to accept the report.

The committee's report was as follows:—

Mr. Moderator,
Fellow Citizens of Westminster:—

Your Committee chosen by the Town at the annual March Meeting, to investigate the school situation, respectfully presents the following report:—

Every Town in the Commonwealth is without doubt trying to give the best advantages to its scholars in obtaining an education, and Westminster from the days of the early settlement to the present time has always provided liberally for its schools. and in the days of the Westminster Academy was considered one of the centers of learning of the State, but in common with other small towns she has seen the time arrive when the larger and better equipt schools of the Cities offer greater opportunity than she can reasonably supply, and many other Towns are taking advantage of the liberal assistance offered by the State Dept. of Education to enable the students of the small Towns to receive the benefits of a higher education, at a cost which the small towns can afford to pay.

The Committees first work was to visit all the neighboring towns, and find out from their School Committees their viewpoints on the school question, and the High School question in particular. Six towns were visited and their experience was noted and discussed, Mr. Penniman, State Building Inspector, and Mr. Jackman, our Superintendent, were met by the Committee and as we find that while it costs the Town of Lunenburg \$164.96 and Westminster \$153.42 per pupil, to maintain their High Schools, the Town of Hubbardston is receiving the benefits of Gardner High School, at a cost of \$44.76 and the Town of Shirley is sending its High School Pupils to Fitchburg High School at a cost of \$55.46 per pupil, less than one-third of what Westminster is now expending on its High School Pupils. Therefore your Committee

would recommend that Westminster continue the Junior High School, and send the three higher grades to the larger Schools out of town. To discontinue the use of the Town Hall as a class room, and move these pupils to the Upton School Building, and then with the repairs made on District School Houses, as ordered by the State Inspector, who has informed your Committee that the time for said repairs has been extended to Sept. 1st. the Schools will be well taken care of without the expense of a new building, or moving of an old one, but your Committee would advise in any event that the School Houses of the Town be put in neat sanitary condition at once, and maintained so as long as used for School purposes. Should the Town desire to continue the High School, it will be necessary to provide additional room, by moving one of the District Houses, building a new House, or adding to the Upton School Building.

The Committee will gladly furnish any information they have received, and wish to thank all who have kindly assisted them in their work.

CARLOS E. BARRON,
HENRY L. CURTIS,
SARAH J. WYMAN,
E. FRANCES MERRIAM,
ARTHUR L. STONE,
W. H. WATERHOUSE,
OTTO A. LEINO,

May 8, 1928.

Committee.

Article 3.

Voted to instruct the School Committee to continue the Junior High School and send the three upper grades out of town for at least three years. (This vote was carried by 70 yes to 69 no, using the check list.)

Article 4.

(To see if the Town will vote to move one of the District School Houses to the High School lot.)

Voted to pass over the article.

Article 5.

(To see if the Town will vote to add two rooms to the Upton School building.)

Voted to pass over the article.

Article 6.

Voted \$78.32 to take care of the overdraft on the hay scales.
Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES, Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING HELD JUNE 22, 1928.

Article 1.

Frank W. Derby was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

Motion was made to rescind the action taken by the Town at the meeting held on May 8, 1928, whereby it was voted to send the three upper grades of the high school scholars to high schools out of town.

Voted to ballot Yes or No on the question, using the check list and the official ballot box. The result of the balloting was:—

Yes (to rescind)	127
No (not to rescind)	148
Total number voting	275

Article 3.

(Article to see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the purpose of buying a portable school house.)

Voted to pass over the article.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES, Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING HELD JULY 2, 1928.

Article 1.

Arno E. Hurd was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

Voted to appropriate \$500 from the excess and deficiency fund for the maintenance of the Worcester road, providing the State and County each allot \$750 for same.

Article 3.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$500 from the Bridge appropriation to the Highway department.

Article 4.

(Article to see if the Town will appropriate \$365.11 to take care of Special Aid work.)

Voted to pass over the article.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES, Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING HELD SEPT. 5, 1928.

Article 1.

Arno E. Hurd was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$2,000 appropriated at the March meeting for rebuilding the Mile Hill road to some other project under Chapter 90, providing the State and County will assume all expense of rebuilding the Mile Hill road.

Article 3.

Voted to transfer from the excess and deficiency fund the sum of \$500 for the use of the Public Welfare Board.

Article 4.

Voted to transfer from the excess and deficiency fund the sum of \$675 for the purpose of rebuilding and relocating the sidewalk on the South side of Main Street, providing the State Highway contractor reimburses the Town a reasonable amount for doing same.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES, Town Clerk.

STATE PRIMARY HELD SEPT. 18, 1928.

The polls were open from 4 to 8 o'clock, P. M.

Number of Republican ballots cast	198
Number of Democratic ballots cast	4

Republican vote for Governor:

Frank G. Allen	139
Frank A. Goodwin	57
Blanks	2

Republican Town Committee elected:

Cyrus T. Miller, Lucy M. Giles, Mildred L. Nye,
Frank W. Derby, Florence T. Dawley, Ernest E.
Smith, William H. Stockwell.

Democratic vote for Governor:

Charles H. Cole	2
John J. Cummings	1
Frank A. Goodwin	1

Democratic Town Committee elected:

Judson Foster, Andrew C. Ham, Charles H. Dupee,
John F. Ballou.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES, Town Clerk,

PRESIDENTIAL AND STATE ELECTION HELD NOV. 6, 1928.

The polls were open from 6 o'clock, A. M. to 5 o'clock, P. M.

The total number of ballots cast was 493.

17 absent voters ballots were cast.

The vote for Electors of President and Vice-President was as follows :

Foster and Gitlow—Workers Party	4
Hoover and Curtis—Republican	393
Reynolds and Crowley—Socialist Labor	2
Smith and Robinson—Democratic	77
Thomas and Maurer—Socialist	12
Blanks	5

Vote for Governor :

Frank G. Allen—Republican	386
Chester W. Bixby—Workers Party	3
Charles H. Cole—Democratic	76
Washington Cook—Prohibition enforcement	1
Mary Donovan Hapgood—Socialist	9
Edith MacFadden—Ind. Citizen	0
Stephen J. Surridge—Socialist Labor	0
Blanks	18

Law proposed by Initiative Petition.

Sunday Sports :	Yes (in favor)	141
	No,	239
	Blanks	113

Question of Public Policy.

Resolution requesting Congress to take action for the repeal of the
Eighteenth Amendment ;

Yes	136
No	237
Blanks	120

At 8 o'clock, P. M. it was voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES, Town Clerk.

RECOUNT OF VOTES.

Acting on a petition signed by ten voters, the Board of Registrars of Voters held a recount of votes on Nov. 14, 1928 for the Democratic and Republican candidates for Governor and the Democratic and Republican candidates for Attorney General.

The result of the recount was that Frank G. Allen, Republican candidate for Governor, gained one vote. No change resulted in the recount for Attorney General.

SPECIAL ELECTION AND TOWN MEETING HELD DEC. 21, 1928

Article 1.

Arno E. Hurd was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

(Article to choose School Committee to fill vacancies caused by resignations.)

The result of the balloting for School Committee was as follows:

E. Frances Merriam was elected to serve the unexpired term ending March, 1929.

Arno E. Hurd was elected to serve the unexpired term ending March, 1930.

Ernest M. Vieweg was elected to serve the unexpired term ending March, 1931.

Article 3.

A motion, which included ratifying the action of the School Committee in purchasing a portable school house, was decided in the negative by a vote of 74, Yes to 99, No, using printed ballots and check list.

Voted that the Town appropriate from the excess and deficiency fund the sum of \$1,822.43 to pay for the Portable School House, including the expense of moving and setting up.

Article 4.

Voted \$800 from excess and deficiency fund for support of schools for the current year.

Article 5.

Voted \$175 from excess and deficiency fund to take care of overdrafts.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

For the year ending December 31, 1928.

Note—If any error in names or dates are noticed, or any omissions, please inform the Town Clerk.

Births recorded	26
Deaths recorded	22
Brought into Town for burial, (non-resident)	16
Marriages recorded	13

BIRTHS 1928

Date	Name of child	Name of parents
Jan. 2	Weikka Matias Honkala	Avia and Hilda
Feb. 22	Robert E. Buckman	William and Delia
Feb. 26	Leo Joseph Barrett	Ernest T. and Lavina
March 1	Isaiah Joseph Fisher, Jr.	Isaiah J. and Georgiana
March 17	Joseph George Henry LeBlanc	Edgar and Alma
April 2	Lily Violet Wilhelmina Nappila	Edward and Edith
April 13	Ramond Lewis Barrett	Lewis C. and Edith L.
April 15	James Arthur Brigham	Orrin A. and Bertha
April 24	Jean May Rowe	Chester and Myrtle
June 8	Elizabeth Louise Kelty	Lester J. and Elizabeth
June 24	Grace Merriam	Harold D. and Emma
June 29	Lillie Tuulikki Tuomi	Axel and Ida
July 26	Theodore Jack Symonds	Theodore and Myrtle
Aug. 2	Chester James Brough	Samuel, Jr. and May

Date	Name of child	Name of parents
Aug. 3	James Albert Walker	Albert R. and Ruth
Aug. 6	William Lyle Osterhout, Jr.	William L. and Bernice
Aug. 8	Frances Marie Page	Carl and Priscilla
Aug. 16	Andre George Fagan	George J. and Eva R.
Sept. 2	Pauline Louise Baker	Chester W. and Delia
Sept. 30	Charles Eugene Page	James F. and Maud M.
Oct. 16	Sylvia Betty Morse	Merrill and Catherine
Nov. 27	Bengamin Roger Mason	William J. and Ellen
Nov. 28	Theresa Rita Beauregard	Joseph F. and Regina
Dec. 17	Louise Belle Holland	William and Rosie B.

DEATHS 1928.

Date		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
March 5	Janette M. (Woodbury) Sanders	74	11	16
March 16	Helen T. (Goulding) Grant	27	3	25
March 23	Hilma (Piispanen) Kalliokoski	51	5	
March 25	James McGee	68		
April 6	Marshall W. Corbett	82	9	28
April 18	James A. Brigham			3
May 12	Frank M. Sawyer	71		
May 13	Elizabeth Davis	87	4	
May 20	Domithilde (Parrell) Reneaud	89		
May 21	Gertrude G. (Nichols) Putnam	49	4	14
July 9	Mary F. (Pinkham) Larrabee	80		
July 18	Jennie M. Houghton	70	7	14
Aug. 21	Dewitt P. Stiles	72	6	
Oct. 3	Mandana (Ball) Miller	87	8	10
Oct. 17	Sidney N. Smith	79	10	15
Nov. 16	John Johnson	81		9
Nov. 25	Orrin E. Brigham	58	1	
Dec. 6	David J. Kempf	54	5	12
Dec. 16	Ilene Sakkinen	22	5	
Dec. 30	Porter F. Page	91	5	11

BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL (Non-resident)

Date of Death	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days	From
Jan. 19	James W. Persons	61	2	24	Leominster
Jan 24	Abbie C. Lee	75			Franklin
Jan. 27	Louise M. Sawin	88	1	20	Medford
March 24	Florence A. Roux	48	7	14	Fitchburg
April 20	Mary Ellen Howe	71	2	22	Springfield
May 3	Willis H. Daisy	55	8	5	Fitchburg
May 21	(Infant) Berry			1	Pittsfield
June 1	Emma F. Creed	80	6		Gardner
June 8	Lyman Raymond	82	8	14	California
July 14	Maria E. Larrabee	80	4	12	Ayer
Aug. 23	Herbert L. Foster	76	3	28	Fitchburg
Aug. 28	Laura R. Church	36	7	4	Leominster
Sept. 29	Lura B. Eaton	75	9	19	Fitchburg
Oct. 27	Martha J. Miller	87			Worcester
Dec. 15	Emma Frances Peabody	79	11		Orange
Dec. 25	Holmes E. Partridge	63	2	27	Brentwood, N.H

MARRIAGES 1928

Date and place of marriage.	Name	Residence
Feb. 11	Maurice P. Billings	Westminster
Westminster	Anna M. Ahlin	Westminster
April 2	John T. Kemppainen	Fitchburg
Fitchburg	Lydia P. Jarvinen	Westminster
May 19	Yalmer Mattson	Westminster
Gardner	Bertha I. Kurikka	Westminster
June 16	I. Vernelle Wallace	Gardner
Westminster	Mildred L. White	Gardner

Date and place of marriage.	Name	Residence
June 20	Robert H. Cutting	Westminster
Westminster	Anna E. (Carlton) Sherman	Westminster
June 23	Ralph E. Roper	Westminster
Westminster	Evelyn W. Hicks	Westminster
June 26	William H. Holland	Westminster
E. Jaffrey, N. H.	Rosie B. Sweeney	Westminster
July 4	Edwin T. Heald	Ashburnham
Westminster	Edna M. Hurd	Westminster
Sept. 8	Gustaf R. Johnson	Gardner
Gardner	Ada E. Hicks	Westminster
Sept. 15.	Wilfred H. Goodridge	Westminster
Fitchburg	Kathryn McAuliffe	Fitchburg
Sept. 15	Arvo A. Heisson	Westminster
Gardner	Saime D. Kurikka	Westminster
Sept. 23	Walter E. Brigham	Westminster
Ware	Stella Slaby	Ware
Oct. 10	Earl F. Daily	California
Westminster	Blanche I. Gates	Westminster

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1928.

Licenses have been issued to the following persons:

Adams, Charles (2)	\$4	Curtis, F. A.	\$2
Aho, Avo	2	Curtis, H. L. (2)	10
Aho, Matti	2	Davis, Alfred (2)	7
Antilla, Isaac	2	Dawley, C. B.	2
Arcangeli, Giacomo	2	Dawley, G. L.	2
Arvio, Charles	2	Dupee, C. H.	2
Autyo, Waino	2	Durling, K. J. (2)	4
Barrett, Eugene	2	Earle, Bertha	2
Bascomb, A. L.	2	Earle, Marion	2
Bassett, Emma	5	Eaton, Leon	2
Bassett, Walter	5	Ehalaenen, Otto	2
Battles, H. N.	2	Fairbanks, Cora	5
Battles, R. W. (4)	14	Fairbanks, L. A.	2
Beauchene, George	2	Flagg, Wallace (2)	4
Beauregard, J. F.	5	Fletcher, C. N. (2)	7
Bergkuist, A.	2	French, Marshall	2
Bernhardt, Carl (3)	6	Friberg, John	2
Bigelow, Frank	2	Goguen, Louis	2
Bilson, K. J.	2	Goodridge, Wilfred	2
Black, William	2	Gordon, Mary S.	5
Braks, Emma	2	Grant, J. T.	5
Brigham, Orrin	2	Hakkala, Victor	2
Brown, John E.	5	Hamalainen, Antti	2
Buckwold, Barbara	2	Hamilton, E. M. (2)	4
Caswell, H. E.	2	Hanks, Henry	2
Cedar, Matti	5	Hanninen, Otto	2
Chase, Gwendoline	2	Happila, Heino (2)	4
Codding, Arthur	2	Harris, Hiram	2
Collette, Bessie	2	Helman, August	2
Collette, Francis	2	Herranen, Jonas	2
Cousins, Ivan	2	Hill, John	2
Cummings, Nathan (4)	8	Hill, William (2)	4
Curry, James	2	Hills, Phillips	2

Hintala, E.	\$2	Marshall, Phoebe	\$5
Holm, Carl	2	Mayranen, A.	2
Honkala, Oiva	2	McConlough, J.	2
Hussari, Andrew	5	Montville, Laura	2
Hutchinson, Bertha	2	Moreland, Pearl	2
Ikaheimo, J.	2	Muhonen, Eino	2
Jaaskelinen, H.	2	Neimi, Kasper	2
Jamsa, John	2	Nelson, Edmund	5
Janhunen, Otto	2	Nelson, Jesse	2
Johnson, Hjalmar	2	Nelson, Nils	2
Johnson, Robert	2	Newell, Fred	2
Kantola, David	2	Nisula, Frank	2
Karkkinen, Andrew	5	Nisula, Stephen	2
Korvonen, John	2	Nitsche, George	2
Keskinen, Henry	2	Noel, Exzeila	2
Kinnary, Karle	2	Nurmi, Dorothy	2
Knight, Andrew	2	Nygard, Charles	2
Korkala, Kusti	2	Page, J. H.	2
Koski, Jacob	5	Peltari, Nestor	2
Kurikka, Victor	2	Pentilla, Mnnie	2
Lahtinen, Charles	2	Percy, Paul (2)	4
Laukkanen, Waino (2)	4	Percy, W. F.	2
Lehtinen, Ellen	2	Putney, William (3)	6
Lehtonen, Frank	2	Rameau, Arthur (2)	4
Lehtonen, Sanni	2	Remse, Arthur	2
Leighton, Elmer	5	Reynolds, Charles (2)	4
Leikkanen, Kalle	2	Reynolds, Elizabeth	2
Leino, Emil	2	Rhodes, George	2
Leino, Leo P.	2	Rinquist, Alvin	5
Linguist, Carl	2	Rintala, Kalle	2
Loughlin, P. H. Jr. (2)	4	Roberts, John (2)	7
Lynde, Chester (3)	12	Root, Thomas	2
MacAloney, Frank	2	Roper, Evelyn	2
MacAloney, Wm.	2	Rowe, Chester	2
Maggs, Percy	2	Sakkinen, Charles	2
Maki, Emil	2	Sakkinen, John	2
Maki, Gusti (2)	4	Salo, Andrew	2
Mansur, Agnes	2	Salo, August	2
Marsh, Niel	2	Sanderson, H. L.	2

Savilampa, Henry	\$2	Whitney, Gordon	\$2
Seppala, Wilfred	2	Wiinikainen, Abel	2
Shannon, Gertrude	2	Wilson, Victor	2
Shepard, H. A.	2	Winter, Kusti	2
Sillanpaa, Victor	2	Wiswell, George	2
Slade, Fred	2	Withington, Harry	2
Smith, Ernest	2	Wuth, Emil (2)	4
Smith, John	2	Young, Ralph	2
Stanbridge, Henry	5		
Stevenson, Edgar	2	Total,	\$507.00
Stevenson, Ellsworth	2	On hand at last report	5.00
Stone, Melvin	2		
Suomela, Michael	2		512.00
Tabbutt, H. E.	5	Amt. in hands of Clerk	
Tonroos, Oscar	2	Jan. 1, 1929,	7.00
Towle, H. A.	2		
Towle, M. W.	2		505.00
Tucker, T. N.	2	Clerk's fees	42.40
Tuomela, Peter	2		
Tuomi, Axel	2	Amt. sent to County	
Tuominen, Kusti	2	to Dec. 1, 1928	\$462.60
Tuttle, T. G.	2		
Vieweg, Ernest (2)	4	Transfer issued:	
Vincent, F. W.	2		
Wainonen, E.	2	Frank Ballou.	
Waltonen, Henry	2		
Waronen, Alex	2	CHARLES F. GILES,	
Wartiainen, Peter	2	Town Clerk.	
Wasara, Reino	2		
Wedlock, J. S.	5		
Westminster Asso'n	2		

REPORT OF CONSTABLE.

To the Selectmen:—

The following is a report of the Constable for year Jan. 1, 1928 to December 31, 1928.

During this period I have investigated 49 complaints:

41 automobile accidents
8 abandoned automobiles
Served 6 summonses and 3 warrants
Attended court 10 times

I have arrested 11 persons on the following charges:

Drunkenness 6
Assault and battery 3
Liquor laws 1
Operating under influence 2
Operating with no license 1
Vagrancy 1

Of those arrested 8 paid fines to amount of \$474.80

1 sentenced 3 months
1 sentenced 1 month
1 discharged

I have also served warrants for six Special Town Meetings, one Annual Meeting, two Primaries and Presidential Election, Served Tax Warrants, Dog Warrants, attended twenty-nine dances at Holmes Park and ten dances at Town Hall. Three autos reported stolen were recovered Three jurors drawn.

HAROLD A. TOWLE,
Constable.

REPORT OF FIRE DEPT.

We have the honor herewith to submit for your approval our first and the tenth annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending Dec. 30, 1928.

We have been very fortunate in having but few fires this year. There were an unusual small number of brush and grass fires. For the most part our work has been chimney fires. This is due in part to the fact that few people ever clean out their chimneys and therefore the condition in which we have found many is very bad.

We have had three house fires, two in Lakewood Park, at these the alarm was after the house had been destroyed. Our longest run of the year was to the Knight's Place in the Carey district and here we had a bad partition fire, and while there was a large fire damage there was much greater water damage.

Your department is made up of thirteen men divided as follows:— One Chief, two Assistant Chiefs, one Captain, one Lieutenant, eight Hosemen.

Apparatus:—one Ford Howe Pumper and Chemical tank with 100 feet of one-inch hose attached. One heavy duty Reo hose truck which carries besides hose, 118 feet of ladders and chemicals, and other equipment. There is 26 hand chemicals in service. Some of these are placed in the outlying districts in care of the Forest Warden. We are well fixed to handle brush and grass fires, we are, however, handicapped in not having a Booster Type tank for chimney and other small fires.

We have this year added two foamite chemicals for gas and oil fires with two shut-off nozzles which will reduce greatly the water damage should fire visit your home.

Hose:—There is in service 1,250 feet of 2½ inch double jacket rubber lined hose which is practically all new. This hose has been tested once a month and by so doing we have been able to find all our poor hose on hand. We shall be forced, however, to buy at least 500 feet more to bring us up to standard.

Recommendation:—We recommend that a committee be appointed at once to look up the cost of a Booster type tank for Reo hose truck. We also hope that our request for a larger appropriation will be granted. We must do some repair work on the fire station and paint the same. We must also clean out and fix up water hole on State road. These two things must be done as soon as possible.

In conclusion we wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and all other Town Officials for their courtesy and assistance and to all citizens who in any way assisted us, also to all officials and men we return our thanks for their hearty co-operation.

Yours respectfully,

F. S. SMITH, Chief.

H. L. ROWE, 1st. Asst.

R. I. STOCKWELL, 2nd. Asst.

Report of Committee for Care of World War Memorial.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1928.

Appropriation	\$100 00	
Expended	66 44	
Balance unexpended		\$33 56

For details see Report of Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE T. DAWLEY,

IDA E. MERRIAM,

M. NELLIE MILLER,

Committee.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

During the year 1928 we have aided 66 persons. One a state charge two at Tewksbury, two at Home Farm and the rest in their own homes.

This Board has been represented at all the meetings of the Charlton Home Farm Association. Mr. Herbert N. Shepard of Warren still continuing as president. February 1st. Mr. Howard D. Sargent came to the Home as warden, and a marked improvement in the management has resulted.

Charles L. Smith of the Board resigned May 1st., and Cyrus T. Miller was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Board for inmates at the Home Farm is \$6.00 per week.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS W. FRENCH,

MAUD I. MILLER,

CYRUS T. MILLER,

Board of Public Welfare,

Report of the Charlton Home Farm Association.

For the Year ending December 31, 1928.

RECEIPTS.

Dependents Board	\$10,104 88
Boarder	274 00
Stock	537 00
Milk, etc.	1,887 50
Interest	29 51
	\$12,333 52
Corrected Bal., 1927	1,823 65
Total Receipts,	\$14,157 17

EXPENDITURES.

Frank Walker, Warden	\$125 00
H. D. Sargent, Warden	1,375 00
Labor	1,343 68
Groceries	1,071 75
Grain	1,210 00
Supplies	725 74
Miscellaneous	861 07
Meat, etc.	1,077 81

Coal	\$422 50
Gasoline and Oil	141 10
Tobacco	205 81
Repairs	468 98
Electricity	99 66
Stock	1,703 50
Blacksmithing	26 30
Fertilizer	178 13
Seed	92 67
Telephone	45 13
Medical attendance, etc.	82 24
Clothing	93 68
Horse	175 00

\$11,531 85

Balance in favor of Association

2,625 32

There were inmates from these Towns during the year:— Charlton, Rutland, Westminster, Millbury, Brookfield, West Brookfield, West Boylston, Sterling, Auburn, Princeton, Paxton, Ashburnham, Leicester, Oakham, Holden, Warren, Hardwick, Boylston and East Brookfield.

None, were Holland, New Braintree, Hubbardston, Berlin and Dana

There were no boarders at the close of the year. Warden Frank Walker resigned in January and Howard D. Sargent was engaged as Warden.

Many improvements were made about the farm, and the piazza on the men's side was enlarged and enclosed with glass, affording a pleasant place for the men inmates in winter and on stormy days.

Respectfully submitted,

H. N. SHEPARD, President.

LOUIS M. HANFF, Sec'y and Treas.

Charlton, Mass., Jan. 1, 1929.

AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR 1928.

I have audited the bills of the officers of the Association who have received and expended money during the year ending December 31, 1928 and all bills have been correct, and checks signed by the President and Treasurer.

EDWARD A. LAMB,

Auditor.

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners.

The usual cleaning up of grounds at different cemeteries, mowing grass and other work has been done during the year 1928.

Drives and walks have been repaired. People have taken more interest in having their lots fixed over and cared for which improved the looks of cemeteries greatly.

ELMER WALKER,

FRANK S. PARKS,

W. F. NEAL,

Cemetery Commissioners.

REPORT OF HIGHWAYS

Under Chapter 81.

January 12, 1929.

Board of Selectmen,
Westminster, Mass.

Gentlemen:

REPORT OF WORK DONE ON WESTMINSTER ROADS DURING THE YEAR 1928—UNDER CHAPTER 81.

Work began March 26, 1928.

1—Ellis Road:

Dragged, scraped four times.

2—Carter Road:

Scraped and dragged.

3—Frog Hollow Road:

Dragged, scraped, patched with gravel and crushed stone.

4—Knower Road:

Dragged twice, scraped, graveled 650 feet at intervals.

5—Cross Road:

Dragged.

6—Minott Road :

Dragged and scraped twice. Patched with gravel, removed stone.

7—Minott Place :

Dragged twice and scraped.

8—Newton Road :

Dragged.

9—Harrington Road :

Dragged three times, scraped and removed stones.

10—Foster Road :

Dragged.

11—Hubbardston Road :

Dragged twice. Scraped three times. Graveled .25 mile 16 ft. wide and 6 inches deep.

12—Princeton or Park Road :

Dragged. Scraped.

13—Worcester Road :

Oiled, using $\frac{1}{4}$ gallon application. Patched with K. P. patching tar. Stone filled and graveled 200 ft. Cut brush.

14—Town Farm Road :

Scraped.

15—Howard Road :

Scraped.

16—Batherick Road :

Scraped.

17—Depot Road :

Scraped.

18—Curtis Road :

Graveled 150 ft. 12 ft. wide and 6 inches deep.

19—Old Fitchburg or Ramo Road :

Scraped, graveled 200 feet.

20—Old Turnpike or 5th. Mass. Turnpike :

Scraped. Filled ruts with gravel.

21—Bean Hill :

Scraped. Stone filled 500 ft., 15 ft. wide and 10 inches deep.
Covered with 6 inches of gravel. Laid one 18 in. corrugated
pipe 36 ft. long.

22—Potato Hill :

Scraped.

23—Page Road :

No work done.

24—Old Ashburnham Turnpike :

No work done.

25—Roper Road :

No work done.

26—Dawley Road :

Dragged, graveled 800 feet.

27—Ray Road :

Dragged, filled ruts with gravel.

28—Academy Hill :

Dragged four times. Scraped. Patched with gravel. Oiled .25
mile, using $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon application.

29—West Princeton Road:

Dragged three times. Scraped twice. Graveled 750 feet at intervals.

30—Fitchburg Road:

Scraped. Removed stone. Cut brush.

31—Davis Road:

Dragged and scraped twice. Removed stone.

32—Lanes:

Dragged.

33—Bolton Road:

Dragged twice.

34—East Road:

Scraped three times.

35—Gate House Road:

Scraped and patched with gravel.

36—Cody Road:

Scraped.

37—Notown Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush.

38—Nichols Road:

Re-surfaced 1,450 ft. with gravel. Re-laid one 16 inch corrugated pipe 36 ft. long.

39—Stone Hill Road:

Scraped. Patched with gravel.

40—Newcomb Road:

Scraped.

41—Battles Road:

Scraped.

42—Marshall Hill Road:

Scraped. Patched with gravel.

43—Leominster or East Main Street:

Scraped twice. Resurfaced 200 ft. with gravel. Patched with K. P. patching tar. Laid one 16 inch corrugated pipe 30 ft. long and one 12 inch corrugated pipe 36 ft. long. Oiled, using $\frac{1}{4}$ gallon application.

44—Hanks Hill Road:

No work done.

45—Round Meadow Road:

Scraped twice.

46—West Main Street:

Dragged five times. Scraped four times. Used 2,000 ft. stone fill 18 ft. wide 10 inches deep. Covered with 8 inches crushed stone and gravel, built under Chapter 90. 1,750 ft. covered with gravel 14 ft. wide and 5 inches deep.

47—State Colony Road:

Dragged five times. Stone filled 1,300 ft. 18 ft. wide and 10 inches deep. Covered with 8 inches crushed stone and gravel. This was built under Chapter 90.

48—Shady Avenue:

Laid one 12 inch corrugated pipe 24 ft. long.

49—Sargent Road:

Scraped twice. Carted gravel and crushed stone to fill ruts.

50—Beech Hill Road:

Scraped. Graveled 650 feet.

51—Adams Road :

Patched with gravel.

52—Pleasant Street :

Resurfaced with gravel and crushed stone. Oiled, using $\frac{1}{4}$ gallon application.

53—Elliot Road :

Dragged.

54—Overlook Road :

Scraped twice. Used 210 ft. crushed stone and gravel.

55—Bacon Road :

Scraped. Resurfaced 1,050 ft. with gravel. Patched with K. P. patching tar. Oiled .35 mile, using $\frac{1}{3}$ gallon application.

56—Brooks Avenue :

No work reported.

57—North Common Road :

Scraped three times. Graveled 200 ft. at intervals.

58—East Gardner Road :

Scraped twice.

59—Morseman Road :

Scraped twice.

60—Bragg Hill Road :

Scraped.

61—South Ashburnham Road :

Scraped four times. Dragged once. Repaired washout. Stone filled and graveled 2,400 ft. 18 ft. wide under Chapter 90.

62—Needham Road:

Filled ruts with gravel.

63—Barrel Road:

Scraped, and patched with gravel.

64—Newton Road:

No work done.

65—Dean Hill Road:

Scraped. Graveled 250 ft. 12 ft. wide and 5 inches deep.

66—Fred Smith Road:

Scraped. Repaired washout which required filling with stone and covering with gravel for a distance of about 2,000 feet. Laid one 12 inch corrugated pipe 30 ft. long.

67—Old Ashburnham Road:

Scraped.

68—Dean Hill Cross Road:

Scraped.

SUMMARY.

Scraped 71 miles of road.

Covered 15,960 ft. with gravel.

Stone filled 6,200 feet.

REMARKS.

The roads this year are in poor condition due to the expenditure of most of the funds during the early part of the year. This was spent mostly in graveling and very little scraping or dragging was accomplished. The result of spending the money early in the year left no funds to maintain the roads the balance of the year. Consequently, they became badly washed out and rutted.

The Harrington Road is in very poor condition and the Town should raise a special appropriation to make necessary repairs on this road.

Very little brush was cut or burnt and the air compressor should be used to remove ledge and boulders from gutters and roadway.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. VESPER,

Senior Civil Engineer.

Chapter 81 Assistant.

TOOLS

on hand in the Town of WESTMINSTER December 1, 1928.

Name	Number
Axes	3
Brush Cutters	1
Chain, 2— $\frac{1}{2}$ in., 1— $\frac{7}{16}$ in.,	4
Iron bars	5
Forks	4
Spoon shovels	2
Striking hammers	2
Oil cans	1
Stone hammers	3
Derrick	1
Drills	7
Lanterns	3
Stone drags	1
Drag Scraper	1
Picks	8
Oliver Rooter Plow	1
Wiard Rooter Plow	1
Gravel Screen	1
Pulley Blocks and rope (1 set)	1
Rakes, iron	3
Road Drags, Minn.	2
Road Machines, A. Champion	1
Road Machine Blades	1

Name	Number
Russell Junior	1
Scythes, brush	2
Snathes	2
Sewer Pump	1
Potato hook	1
Shovels, short rd.	12
Tool boxes	1
Crusher bins, elevators	1
Beaver Gasolene Engine	1
Stone Lifter	1
1—ton Ford Truck	1

AMOUNTS EXPENDED ON ROADS IN TOWN OF WESTMINSTER

IN 1928—UNDER CHAPTER 81.

Road	Amount
1 Ellis	\$119 40
2 Carter	42 60
3 Frog Hollow	
4 Knower	254 80
5 Cross	
6 Minott	133 40
7 Minott Place	18 60
8 Newton	
9 Harrington	65 80
10 Foster	7 20
11 Hubbardston	861 72
12 Princeton or Park	30 00
13 Worcester	1,965 38
14 Town Farm	62 40
15 Harvard	19 00
16 Batherick	10 00
17 Depot	45 00
18 Curtis	31 40
19 Old Fitchburg or Raymo	101 00

20 Old Fifth Turnpike	\$132 70
21 Bean Hill	117 80
22 Potato Hill	20 00
23 Page	
24 Old Ashburnham Turnpike	
25 Roper	
26 Dawley	154 00
27 Ray	11 00
28 Academy Hill	66 80
29 West Princeton	305 62
30 Fitchburg	187 00
31 Davis	87 00
32 Lanes	12 00
33 Bolton	12 00
34 East	88 60
35 Gate House	33 75
36 Cody	14 60
37 No Town	45 00
38 Nichols	615 62
39 Stone Hill	48 60
40 Newcomb	15 00
41 Battles	16 00
42 Marshall Hill	54 60
43 Leominster or East Main	1,077 68
44 Hanks Hill	
45 Round Meadow	49 60
46 West Main	798 00
47 State Colony	13 20
48 Shady Avenue	68 60
49 Sargent	71 00
50 Beech Hill	244 71
51 Adams	
52 Pleasant	243 90
53 Elliott	
54 Overlook	148 70
55 Bacon	270 42
56 Brook Avenue	

57 North Common		\$417 10	
58 East Gardner		30 00	
59 Morseman		40 00	
60 Bragg Hill		42 10	
61 South Ashburnham		324 40	
62 Needham			
63 Barrell		32 10	
64 Newton			
65 Dean Hill		51 00	
66 Fred Smith		268 02	
67 Old Ashburnham		15 00	
68 Dean Hill Cross Roads		40 00	
Gas and oil		117 56	
Sand and gravel		178 20	
Machinery		170 21	
Machinery repairs		254 20	
Tools		26 85	
Tool repairs			
K. P. Patching Tar			
Tarvia		228 00	
Express		69	
Miscellaneous		70	
Culverts		302 10	
(Special) Bean Hill			
Payroll		412 00	
Material		84 14	
			\$11,775 57
Total Payrolls	\$9,172 40	State Allotment	\$7,700 00
Total Materials	2,603 17	Town Allotment	3,080 00
	<u>\$11,775 57</u>		<u>\$10,780 00</u>
		Extra by Town.	
Balance of Allotment	54 43	Water Tubs and Guard rail	50 00
	<u> </u>	Transferred Bridge acct.	500 00
	\$11,830 00	Spec. Bean Hill road	500 00
			<u>\$11,830 00</u>

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATIONS.

Buildings	\$809,350 00
Land	307,478 00
Total real estate	\$1,116,828 00
Personal property	348,660 00
	\$1,465,488 00

TAXES.

Rate \$30.00 per \$1,000.

On real estate	33,504 84
On personal property	10,459 80
On polls	852 00
	44,816 64

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Income tax	7,562 40
Corporation tax	875 90
Bank tax	10 83
Licenses	45 00
Fines	71 25
Special assessments	192 28
General government	400 00
Protection of persons and property	31 25

Charities	\$364 00
Soldiers' benefits	94 58
Schools	7,341 30
Libraries	20 75
Interest on deposits	192 01
Interest on taxes and assessments	297 15
Reimbursement for loss of taxes	709 25

\$18,207 95

EXPENDITURES.

Town appropriations	\$55,940 19
State tax	1,870 00
Highway tax	801 40
County tax	2,133 00
Moth tax	288 65
Overlay (of current year)	1,991 35

Total 63,024 59

DECEMBER ASSESSMENT.

Buildings	450 00
Land	200 00

650 00

Tax	\$19.50	
On poll	2 00	\$21 50
Total amount to be raised	\$44,816 64	
Less City of Fitchburg bill in lieu of taxes	605 94	

44,210 70

ARNO E. HURD,
HENRY L CURTIS,
E. J. RAYMOND,
Assessors of Westminster.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Taxes 1927.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1928		\$9,975 49
Payments to Treasurer	9,779 27	
Abatements	183 33	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1928	12 89	
		9,975 49

Taxes 1928.

Commitment of taxes		44,210 70
Dec. commitment		21 50
Payments to Treasurer	31,590 95	
Abatements	185 70	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1928	12,455 55	
		44,232 20

Interest.

Previous years	287 73	
Current year	26 09	
		813 82

Moth Tax 1927.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1928		\$62 60
Payments to Treasurer	\$61 35	
Abatements	1 25	
		62 60

Moth Tax 1928.

Commitment		202 20
Payments to Treasurer	\$117 30	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1928	84 90	
		202 20

WINDSOR F. NEAL,

Tax Collector.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

School Committee.

Arno E. Hurd, Chairman	Term expires 1930
Mrs. Frances Merriam, Secretary	Term expires 1929
Ernest M. Vieweg	Term expires 1931
Richard W. Ahlin,	resigned December, 1928
Charles L. Smith,	resigned December, 1928

Superintendent of Schools, H. L. Ballou, Sterling, Mass.
Tel. 78 Sterling.

School Physician, George A. Mossman, M. D.
Gardner, Mass.

School Nurse, Helen McKowen, Gardner, Mass.

Supervisor of Drawing, Claire Comtois, Worcester.

Supervisor of Music, Priscilla Thurston, Leominster, Mass.

Attendance Officer, Harold A. Towle.

SCHOOL CALENDAR—1929.

Winter term: All schools, 12 weeks, January 2 to March 22.
Spring term: All schools, 12 weeks. April 1 to June 21.
Fall term: All schools, 16 weeks, September 3 to December 20.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils not absent or tardy during school year of 1927—28.

Junior High.

Velma Flagg

Grades 5 and 6.

Ralph Mansur, Elizabeth Conant, Marion Earle, Edgar Holmes

North Common.

Tyyra Ojala

South Westminster.

Toivo Mattson

Narrows.

Martha Saarela

Average membership for school year 1927—28, 277.

Average daily attendance for the same period, 259.

Per cent. of attendance, 93.5.

Per cent. of attendance for first four months of 1928—29.

Junior High School	95.6	Lake School	96.2
Grade 6	94.4	Narrows School	95.2
Grades 4 and 5	95.0	Depot School	97.2
Grades 2 and 3	93.5	Whitmanville School	96.7
Grade 1	92.8		

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The present School Committee were elected at the beginning of the Christmas vacation with the problem of school housing and administration placed upon three persons who had no first hand experience to help them.

The general impression seemed to be that with a building capable of housing 195 and only 190 pupils, in the center schools it was unnecessary to use the portable school house and we set out to find the facts in the case, which required the consideration of so many different details that it seemed to us the only logical thing to do at present was to continue along the same line for this school year.

We had Mr. Penniman meet with us and inspect the portable building (on one of our very windy days by the way) which he says is safe and very good for any but very cold weather, when they are difficult to keep warm as desirable, and not expected to be a permanent affair.

The State does NOT approve of DISTRICT schools and favors centralization wherever, and as fast as, possible and this puts your School Committee under difficulties at the outset and will make it hard to open any district school already closed.

If the South Westminster and North Common schools had been continued the other scholars could have been housed and taught in the main building by putting two grades in a room which the State does not approve of, if it can be avoided.

By bringing these two schools in, the number in each grade was increased enough to make the number of pupils, in two grades, more than the size of rooms would allow—except the 2nd and 3rd—which are together, but it saved the price of one teacher and cost of running two buildings outside and added the cost of the portable with its setting up, and fuel cost for the winter at least, and SOME additional transportation.

A letter from the State Board in December states that the High School is now adequately provided for and does not recommend a High

School in small towns as the expense of proper equipment and facilities makes the cost per pupil much higher than in the larger schools.

The present conditions can be reckoned as only temporary and the Committee recommend that the Town start on some progressive program so the school situation may cease to be so controversial.

The Depot school lends itself most readily to the transportation idea, as it is situated on a public utility line and a good road, and has less than 20 pupils.

The Lake School is smaller still, also on a good road and the outlook is for still less pupils in that district.

The Narrows has a much more compact population and it seems desirable to continue for some time.

Whitmanville, the largest outside school, is geographically the hardest to transport even if we wished to do so. In fact it would naturally go much more easily to South Ashburnham.

It may be possible to continue a while as at present but it seems to the Committee that the most feasible solution of the situation is an addition of a two-room wing to the Upton School that will take care of our needs for some time to come and would not be an obstacle in the way of a new four-room building with Gymnasium or Assembly Hall later if needed or desirable.

After a careful study of the situation by visiting each school, comparing conditions, educational, physical and financial, in the short time since our election, we are forced to conclude that there must be some combination of district schools or more room provided at the center or both, and we feel that some changes at the Narrows School house and an addition at the Upton building, both of which we recommend, will be the best solution financially and otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. HURD,

E. FRANCES MERRIAM,

E. M. VIEWEG,

School Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee:

This is my first annual report and the thirty-ninth in the series of superintendents' reports.

In the list of teachers you will note that the staff in the Upton School has changed materially from that of last year. Of course, the plan of sending Grades X, XI and XII to outside schools is responsible for most of the changes. The work of the central teachers and that of the district teachers as well has proved to be of sterling character.

By means of standardized tests we have verified our belief this year that the work of the teachers and pupils in the upper grades is of average quality or better. Later, we hope to extend the tests to all the schools. In Mr. Billings we have a Principal who is well above the average in administrative and teaching capacity. We should attempt in all reasonable ways to retain our teaching force over a period of years and so avoid changes disturbing alike to the rest of the teaching personnel and to the pupils.

There should be a continuation and enlargement of the vocational courses. Westminster could well afford to give practical arts and home economics courses so that pupils who may not have an opportunity or the inclination to continue through high school may have a chance to fit themselves for a vocation. The commercial course should be enlarged to include simple bookkeeping and a regular course in typewriting.

It seems to me that repairs should be confined, for the present at least, to the Whitmanville and Narrows buildings. At the latter school, a few minor improvements would aid greatly in keeping the buildings more comfortable and affording better light.

For the first time, a school dental clinic has been held in Westminster under the very able supervision of Miss McKowen, the school nurse. This is a work which is well worthy of the financial support of the town. The health of the school child should receive the greatest

consideration. It is a waste of time and effort to attempt to educate a sick child. Whatever is expended in making children healthy is returned many-fold to the town in decreased absences and improved learning ability.

Your attention is called to the report of the school nurse and to that of the school doctor.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. BALLOU,
Superintendent.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

To the Superintendent of Schools and the
Superintending School Committee:

I herewith submit to you and thru you to the citizens of the Town of Westminster my first annual report. For three years I have been vitally connected with school affairs and have had real opportunity to watch attempts at constructive progress in regard to your schools. Out of all the seeming chaos it appears that a step has been taken in the right direction. Altho conditions in the portable are not ideal, they are at least an improvement over those at the Town Hall and Baptist Church. Cold windy weather has had its stab at this building and a resulting stab at the Upton building. When the pupils are transferred to the main building, about 14 are unable to do any work at all while the remaining number are handicapped in the laboratory. Besides the use of that room makes a loss in the Junior High Curricula; namely General Science, Typing and Lab-study.

It is to be lamented that the community has lost its High School, but with the erection of a new building or an addition to the present building the lower classes may be able to get an education in their own town. There is also a social and educational gap that cannot be filled by the younger pupils.

When the three upper grades were sent out of town, some went to Gardner and some to Fitchburg. Then the problem arose of preparing to meet the requirements of those two schools. This, at the recommendation of State Officials. To meet these requirements it was necessary

to add electives to the Freshman Curricula for those planning to go to one or the other of above mentioned schools. Then believing that the seventh and eighth grades were capable of doing an extra period of work in addition to the three major subjects that they have been carrying, compulsory electives in trend with modern junior high school work were added. Of the two electives presented, about thirty-six elected French and were divided into two classes. The remainder elected General Science, and are cared for in one recitation period with occasional laboratory experiments. This made an increase of five classes in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades but by combining the sixth grade with the departmental program of the Junior High School, we found that with a little extra effort the four grades could be cared for by four teachers.

May I here call attention to the high degree of scholarship obtained by the High School pupils who went to out of town schools. Data can be shown to prove that approximately fifty per cent. have attained a degree of scholarship placing them on the honor rolls of their respective schools.

The standard of work carried out by the Westminster teachers this year is, I believe, much better than ever before. To explain this you will, by reference, notice that there are three teachers only, new to Westminster, and two of those have had some previous teacher training. The success obtained by the eleven regular teachers, together with the work done by the music and drawing teachers and school nurse and for their hearty cooperation is to be commended.

In closing I wish to present for your consideration the following recommendations:—

That as soon as possible a gym-auditorium be established for general school use.

That the small upstairs room of the Upton building be used for a library, typewriting and general work room.

That electric lights be put in the Portable.

That some strong playground apparatus be constructed.

That the town help the Red Cross with the dental clinics in following years.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE P. BILLINGS.

Princeton—Westminster—Sterling Annual Prize Speaking Contest, May 7th, 1928.

PROGRAM

Toy Symphony

Westminster Grades 1, 2

“Boots”

Anonymous

William DeWitte

“The Tragedy of a Theatre Hat”

Wells

Harriet Conant

“The Roman Sentinel”

Ward

Edmund Newton

Music { “The Ball Game”
 { “What Robin Sings”
 { “Pass It On”

Westminster Grades 3, 4

“The Artless Prattle of Childhood”

Anonymous

Alvin Bourne

“Jean Valjean”

Hugo

Mary Brooks

“Seein’ Things”

Field

Walter Weightman

Boys’ Chorus

Princeton High School

“Kate Shelly”

Hall

Dorothy Hart

“Columbus”

Miller

Byron Smith

“The Curse”

Anonymous

Jennie Jasinsky

Mixed Chorus

Princeton, Sterling, Westminster

Community Singing

JUDGES

Miss Mabel B. Sheldon,	Miss Viola L. Wentworth,	Charles W. Lawrence
Teacher of Platform Art,	Head of English Dept.	Supt. of Schools
Worcester, Mass.	Leominster High School	Acton, Mass.

Prize Speaking Contest, High School.

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 19, 1928.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1—Nothing to Laugh At, | Sulo Karvonen, Grade 7 | Edgar A. Guest |
| 2.—Robinson Crusoe, | Viola Stevenson, Grade 7 | Charles E. Carryl |
| 3—Giuseppe, He Visits Dentist, | Helen Hanninen, Grade 8 | C. A. Moreno |
| 4—Columbus, | Byron Smith, Grade 9 | Joaquin Miller |
| 5—An Inquisitive Customer, | Ellen Kahkola, Grade 9 | Anonymous |
| 6—An Obliging Sister, | Velma Flagg, Grade 8 | Bret Harte |
| 7—The Second Table, | Ruth Rhodes, Grade 7 | Nixon Waterman |
| 8—The Roman Sentinel, | Edmund Newton, Grade 9 | Florence M. Ward |
| 9—Songs, (to be selected) | Grades 5 and 6 | |
| 10—Michael Strogoff, | Harriet Roper, Grade 9 | Jules Verne |
| 11—Courtin, | Edna Mackey, Grade 8 | J. R. Lowell |
| 12—The Highwayman, | Edith Ballou, Grade 8 | Alfred Noyes |
| 13—Seein' Things, | Walter Weightman, Grade 7 | Eugene Field |
| 14—Rienzi to the Romans, | Clarence Roper, Grade 10 | Mary Russell Milford |
| 15—Songs, | | High School |
| a—In the Garden of Tomorrow | | Deppin |
| b—Give Me the Open Road, | | Ambroise |
| 16—Judges' Decision | | |

JUDGES

Miss Sheldon, Gardner High School, Miss Ranney, Fitchburg High School
Miss Williams, Fitchburg Normal School

Graduation Exercises, Upton High School,

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 18, 1928.

Invocation,	Reverend Drew T. Wyman
Song—The Barefoot Trail,	Wiggers
High School Chorus	
Solos,	Miss Alice Richards
1.—Duna,	McGee
2.—Sing! Birds Sing!	Nutting
Address—The Accessibility of Education,	Reverend Howard A. Pease
Solos,	Miss Priscilla Thurston
1.—By the Bend of the River,	Edwards
2.—The False Prophet,	Scott
Award of Diplomas and Prizes	
Song—In a Monastery Garden,	Ketelbey
High School Chorus	
Close. Song—America	

Graduates in the Class of 1928

Tyyne Wiinikainen Hermon Allen Vincent

ENROLMENT—WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS.

Upton Primary	24									24
Upton Intermediate	20									20
Upton Intermediate		17								17
Portable Intermediate			23							23
Portable Intermediate				19						19
Upton Intermediate					21					21
Upton Junior High						31				31
Upton Junior High							22			22
Upton Junior High								10		10
Lake	1		3		4	5				13
Narrows	3	4	4	3	6	1				21
Depot	3	4	3	5	2					17
Whitmanville	5	2	2	5	3	5				22
	36	30	29	36	34	32	31	22	10	260

In Fitchburg	34	Boys—122
In Gardner	8	Girls—138
In So. Ashburnham	1	
In Worcester Trade	6	
In David Hale Fanning	1	

TEACHERS.

Name.	High School.	Norm. School or College.	Teaching Experience
Maurice P. Billings	Southwest Harbor, Me. 1922	University of Maine 1922-26 Summer '27, '28.	Westminster, 1926
Virginia Call	Lewiston 1923 Mary A. Burn- ham Sch. for Girls, '24	Tufts 1928, 4 yrs.	Westminster, 1928
Beatrice Brown	B. M. C. Durfee Fall River '24	Wheaton 1928, 4 yrs.	Westminster, 1928
Catherine Sullivan	Fitchburg 1925	Fitchburg Nor. 1927, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1927
Gertrude S. Shannon	Cleveland Central 1897	Cleveland Sch. of Education	Cleveland Pub. Schools 1901-'13 Westm'r 1926
Sylvia Turunen	Fitchburg 1925	Fitchburg Nor. 1928, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1928
Doris M. Fenno	Gardner 1913	Cush. Acad. '14 Sum. Hyannis '20 Fitchburg '26	Westminster, 1920
Carrie I. Estabrook	Westminster 1909	Sum. Hyannis '20 Fitchburg '26	Westminster, 1911
Martha H. Leino	Westminster 1925	Fitchburg Nor. 1927, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1927
Anna E. Kahkola	Westminster 1925	Fitchburg Nor. 1927, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1927
Charles G. Hapgood	Marlboro 1925	Fitchburg Nor. 1927, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1927

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT.

RECEIPTS.

Taxes.

Current Year:

Poll	\$596 00
Personal	8,109 95
Real Estate	22,885 00

\$31,590 95

Received from Fitchburg in lieu of Taxes

605 94

Previous Years:

1927—Poll	234 00
Personal	1,527 01
Real Estate	8,018 26

9,779 27

From State, Corporation, Bank, etc. :

From State:

Income Tax 1927	200 00
Income Tax 1928 (School)	7,710 00
National Bank Tax	5 65
Trust Corporation	84 18
Trust Corporation, 1927	03
Soldiers' Exemption	56 60
Corporation Tax, Business	478 72

Corporation Tax, Pub. Service, 1925	\$3 26	
Corporation Tax, Pub. Service, 1926	1 29	
Corporation Tax, Pub. Service, 1927	1 28	
Corporation Tax, Pub. Service, 1928	240 02	
Massachusetts School Fund	5,693 86	
Union School Superintendent	773 33	
High School Tuition	1,025 00	
		\$16,273 22
From Licenses:		
Junk	6 00	
Revolver	8 00	
Milk	10 00	
Gas	15 00	
Common Victualers	28 00	
Sunday	32 00	
All other	5 00	
		104 00
From Court Fines		323 00
From Dog Licenses		386 32
From Hager Park Trustees:		
Wood for Town Hall	93 37	
Wood for Library	48 62	
Wood for Schools	304 12	
		446 11
From Moth Assessments:		
1927	61 35	
1928	117 30	
		178 65
From Tax Titles		53 34
GENERAL GOVERNMENT.		
Town Hall:		
Rent		543 00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

Fire Department:

Brush fires	\$2 00
Account of Gypsy Moth	4 45

 \$6 45

Inspection:

Animals	32 50
Sealer's fees	25 23

 57 73

HIGHWAYS AND STATE ROAD.

From State, Worcester road, for 1927 work	20 42
From State, (Chap. 81)	7,569 91
From State, Ashburnham road	2,000 00
From State, Colony road, for 1927 work	244 79
From State, Colony road, for 1928 work	251 09
From State, Mile Hill Road	1,513 26

 11,599 47

From County, Worcester Road, for 1927 work	20 41
From County, Ashburnham Road	2,000 00
From County, Mile Hill Road	876 21
From County, Worcester Road	750 00

 3,646 62

From Construction Co.,

For Sidewalk Damages	278 59
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For Sale of Land	25 00
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CHARITIES.

Reimbursement from Cities and Towns.

From State for State Aid	148 00
From City	585 45
From Town	190 70

 924 15

SCHOOLS.

From State.

Tuition at Night School	\$152 25
Tuition at Trade School	192 07

 \$344 32

LIBRARY.

From fines	16 10
From books sold	1 00

 17 10

For Damage to Drinking Fountain	400 00
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CEMETERIES.

For grass sold	27 00
For Lawn Mower	5 00
For Cemetery Lots	10 00

 42 00

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Revenue loan No. 35	\$15,000 00
Revenue loan No. 36	15,000 00
Revenue loan No. 37	15,000 00

 45,000 00

INTEREST.

Taxes 1927	287 73
Taxes 1928	26 09

 313 82

Income from Trust Funds.

(Credited to Library).

Hawes Library Fund	50 00
Child's Library Fund	6 76
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	50 00
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	25 00
Farnsworth Library Fund	26 26
P. P. Ellis Library Fund	22 51
A. R. Hager Library Fund	30 00

Town Library Fund	\$81 00	
Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	15 00	
		\$306 53
From Gardner Trust Co., int. on bank dep's	231 85	
Interest on Water Fund	777 48	
		1,009 33
Trust and Investment:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	1,075 00	
George A. Miller Library Fund	1,500 00	
		2,575 00
Refunds and Transfers:		
Refunds:		
Loss of Taxes	709 25	
Rebates on Insurance Policies	103 01	
Refund Library	28 87	
		841 13
Transfers: (Interest transfered to cash)		
Smith Poor Fund	1,972 38	
Forbush Poor Fund	96 01	
Upton High School Fund	838 85	
Hager School Fund	750 00	
M. A. Greed Cemetery Wall Fund	9 00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	465 65	
		\$4,131 89
Total Receipts		\$131,802 93
Cash on hand January 1, 1928		14,001 91
		\$145,804 84

EXPENDITURES.
General Government.

Legislative:**Moderator**

\$5 00

Selectmen:

Salaries	\$225 00
Printing and postage	25 57
Telephone	14 95
All other expense	31 40

\$296 92

Accountant:

Salary	300 00
Telephone	45
Printing and postage	2 96
All other expense	2 10

305 51

Treasurer:

Salary	75 00
Surety bond	50 00
Postage and all other expense	9 80
Administration of Trust Funds	10 00

144 80

Collector:

Salary	420 38
Printing and postage	3 64
Surety bond	75 00

499 02

Assessors:

Salaries	225 00
Printing and postage	12 19
All other expense	20 75

257 94

Other Finance Accounts:

Rent of Safety Deposit Box	\$10 00
Certification of Notes	6 00
Printing	65 23
Supplies	17 23

\$98 46

Law:

Services of Lawyers	89 45
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Town Clerk:

Salary	75 00
Bond	2 50
Printing and bond	23 29

100 79

Election and Registration:

Wages for services.

Registrars	60 25
Election Officers	73 50
Printing and postage	47 21

180 96

1,978 85

(Appropriation \$2,000. Balance \$21.15.)

Town Hall:

Salary.

Janitor	300 00
Janitor's supplies	21 96
Repairs	29 70
Water rent	18 75
Fuel	93 37
Lights and repairs on same	115 34
Telephone	13 00
All other expense	25 60

\$617 72

(Appropriation \$1,000. Bal. \$382.98.)

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

Constables:

Wages for Investigating Complaints	\$150 50
Investigating automobile accidents	54 50
Copying and Posting Warrants	10 50
Serving Warrants	12 50
Advertising	1 00
Tax and Dog Warrants	17 50
Transportation	193 80
Law fees	15 00
Court fees	28 50
Equipment and gas	2 07
All other expense	1 00

 \$486 87

(Appropriation \$500. Balance \$13.13)

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages.

Engineers	15 00
Firemen	211 00
Badges	12 16
Supplies and express	43 58
Gas, oil and grease	7 11
Labor on truck and repairs	49 97
Apparatus	174 11
Hose and equipment	282 07
Fire alarm and repairs	73 59
Fuel	127 50

Building and Grounds.

Janitor	47 50
Repairs	17 88
Telephone	30 40

 1,091 87

Forestry:

Salary, Forest Warden	25 00
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Firemen, (brush fires)	\$68 50	
All other expense	2 00	
	95 50	
		\$1,187 37
(Appropriation \$1,200.	(Fire) \$1,091.87	
	(Forestry) 95.50	
	Bal. 12.63	
Moth Department:		
Wages	255 60	
Teams or trucks	86 63	
Insecticides	127 68	
All other expense	59 63	
		529 54
(Appropriation \$584.29.)	Bal. \$54.75	
Sealer of Weights and Measures:		
Salary	60 00	
Equipment	7 07	
		67 07
(Appropriation \$100. Bal. \$32.93)		
Tree Warden:		
Salary	25 00	
All other	4 50	
		29 50
(Appropriation \$100. Bal. \$70.50.)		
Board of Health:		
General Administration.		
Labor, cleaning public dump	20 25	
Tuberculosis treatment at sanitariums	235 00	
Birth returns and recording fees	26 25	
Death returns and recording fees	21 50	
Marriage returns and recording fees	9 00	
All other expense, gas and oil	1 10	
Inspection of School Children	75 00	
Inspection of barns	65 00	

Inspection of meats and provisions	\$133 60
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\$586 70

(Appropriation \$500. Overdraft \$86.70.)

Highways—Chap. 81:

General Administration.

Insurance	16 40
Expenses	12 70
Labor	7,148 75
Trucks or teams	2,107 10
Stone, gravel, etc.	360 20
Equipment and repairs	679 55
Tarvia	228 00
Surface oil on Worcester Road	512 81
All other expense	213 92

11,279 43

(Appropriation \$3,080. Overdraft 129.52)

Trans. from Bridge acct. \$500.00

Recd. from State	7,569.91
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\$11,149.91

Bean Hill Special:

Labor	319 20
Trucks	92 80
Gas	4 56
Equipment, culvert	75 00
Repairs	4 58

496 14

(Appropriation \$500. Bal. 3.86)

Contract:

Street Lights	1,871 64
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(Appropriation \$1,910. Bal. \$38.36.)

Bridges:

Labor	180 70
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Lumber	\$187 05	
All other expenses	5 73	
		\$373 48
(Appropriation \$1000. Trans. to Chap. 81, \$500.		
	Bal. \$126.52.	
Watering Tubs:		
Water rent	31 25	
Care of tubs	9 00	
		40 25
(Appropriation \$50. Bal. \$9.75.)		
Sidewalk Maintenance:		
Snow removal and Sanding.		
Labor		27 70
(Appropriation \$100. Bal. \$72.30.)		
Sidewalk Repairs:		
(Appropriation \$100. Bal. \$100.)		
Snow and Ice Removal:		
Labor	178 50	
Teams or trucks	30 25	
Repairs and all other expense	417 41	
		626 16
(Appropriation \$2,000. Bal. \$1,373.84.)		
Worcester Road:		
Special appro. for 1927 work		90 75
1928 work—		
Surface oil	1,022 00	
Tarvia	228 00	
		1,250 00
Appropriated from Excess and Deficiency, \$500.00		
Received from County,	750.00	
State Colony—Chapter 90:		
Labor	2,138 75	

Trucks or teams	\$747 55
Equipment and supplies	52 05
Gravel	203 72
Repairs on truck	15 00
Gas and oil	194 04
Dynamite and blasting	31 79
Culverts	346 92
Labor on wire fence	12 70

\$3,742 52

Appropriation, \$1,000.	Bal. overdraft 1927 work	\$448.68
Rec. from State 495.88	Amount 1928 work	3,742.52
Trans. Ex. & Def. 203.89		
Due from State 2,491.43		4,191.20
		\$4,191.20

South Ashburnham Road:

Labor	4,715 37
Trucks or teams	775 60
Oil and gas	78 73
Equipment, supplies and repairs	515 58
Fuel	131 84
Gravel	35 78
Cylinder oil	3 60
Surface oil	587 09
Culverts	172 48
Telephone	1 90

7,017 97

Appropriation \$1000. County \$4000. State \$2000.

Trans. from Ex. and Def. \$17.97.

Mile Hill Road:

Paid estimates	1,593 11
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Rec. from State \$1,513.23. Bal. \$796.36

Rec. from County 876.21.

CHARITIES.

Board of Public Welfare.

General Administration.

Salaries	\$60 00
Stationery, printing and postage	21 11
Law services	67 92
Groceries and provisions	334 61
Fuel	15 50

(To be reimbursed from State)

All other expense	30 74
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 \$529 88

(Appropriation \$650. Bal. 120.12)

Outside relief by Town:

Groceries, provisions and clothing	261 07
Coal and wood	11 50
Board and care	87 00
Medicine and medical attendance	116 00
Charlton Home Farm	983 77
All other	85 04
Relief by other Cities	373 50
Relief by other Towns	54 50

 1,972 38

 Ambulance, med. care and treatment at
 hospital in Boston

 96 01

2,068 39

Interest trans. from Smith fund 1,972.38

Interest trans. from Forbush fund 96.01

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS.

Soldiers' Benefits	20 00
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(Appropriation \$300. Balance \$280.)

State Aid:

Pay roll	144 00
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(Rec. from State \$148. Balance \$4.)

SCHOOLS.

School Committee:

Services	\$75 53
Express, printing and postage	10 08
Telephone	58 00
Other expenses	169 32

 \$312 93

Supt. of Schools.

Salary	953 00
Traveling expenses	246 09
School census	25 00

 1,224 09

Supervisors:

Salaries.

Music Teacher	498 00
Drawing Teacher	498 00
Nurse	560 00
Traveling expenses	377 55

 1,933 55

Teachers.

Salaries.

High	1,710 00
Junior High	8,078 38
Elementary	3,719 00
Evening school	412 50
Bonuses, (Elementary—Hager Fund)	750 00

 \$14,669 88

Mass. Teachers' Retirement Fund

723 12

Text Books and Supplies.

High, books	270 00
supplies	238 69
Elementary, books	131 84
supplies	199 84
All other	62 97

 903 34

Tuition.

High	\$2,643 75
Elementary	265 00

 \$2,908 75
Transportation.

Supervisors	114 00
High	272 30
Elementary	5,637 00

 6,023 30
Janitors' Services.

High	208 00
Elementary	1,239 00

 1,447 00
Fuel.

High	322 37
Elementary	664 20

Lights	67 97
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Water	62 50
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 1,117 04
Maintenance of Building and Grounds.**High.**

Repairs	239 12
Supplies	345 44
All other	104 32

 688 88
Elementary

Repairs	238 99
Supplies	2 50
All other	7 25

 248 74
Furniture and Fixtures.

High	24 30
Insurance	558 83

Graduating exercises and expenses		\$24 55
All other		2 25
Portable School House	\$1,000 00	
Moving Portable School House	18 00	
Labor	166 18	
Lumber	48 59	
Cement	3 00	
Trucking	12 00	
Insurance	14 50	
Gravel	4 00	
Labor on furnace	56 16	
		<u>\$1,322 43</u>
Total spent for Schools,		<u>\$34,132 98</u>
Appropriation	\$30,800.00.	Overdraft 421.70
Portable	1,322.43.	
Int. Upton School Fund	838.85.	
Int. Hager School Fund	750.00.	
	<u>\$33,711.28.</u>	
Tuition at Trade Schools		1,003 84
Appropriation	\$833.	
Overdraft	170.84	

LIBRARY.

Salaries and wages.		
Librarian	449 99	
Assistants	260 50	
Janitor	165 00	
		<u>875 49</u>
Books and Periodicals.		
Books	472 09	
Periodicals	104 41	
Supplies	4 83	

Binding books	\$78 25	
		\$659 58
Building.		
Repairs	11 10	
Care of grounds	38 35	
Fuel	118 71	
Lights	49 50	
All other expense	5 40	
		223 06
Stationery and postage	10 22	
Express and telephone	7 95	
All other	8 02	
		26 19
		<u>1,784 32</u>
Bal. Jan. 1, 1928	\$15.77	
Appropriation	1,100.00	
Income from Trust Funds	306.53	
Dog Tax	386.32	
Refund	28 87	Bal. \$53.17

UNCLASSIFIED.

World War Memorial.

Mowing grass and all other work on grounds	51 24	
Fertilizer	8 25	
Supplies	2 95	
Labor and paint on flag pole	4 00	
		66 44

(Appropriation \$100. Bal. \$33.56.)

Memorial Day (Appropriation \$125.)	125 00
Care of Town Clock (Appropriation \$20.)	20 00
Printing Town Reports (Appropriation \$300.) Bal. 1.15	298 85

Liability Insurance (Appropriation \$350. Bal. \$90.20)	\$259 80
Tuberculosis Hospital (Appropriation \$143.83)	143 83
Hay Scales (Appropriation \$103.32)	103 32

Miscellaneous.

Lawn Mower	\$10 00
Repairs on drinking fountain	292 25
All other	1 50
Advertising notice to Contractor (Mile Hill road)	44 35
Trust Co. tax	54
Corp. Tax. Trust Co.	36 38

 385 02

(Appropriation \$200. Overdraft \$185.02)

HAGER PARK TRUSTEES.

Expense of administration	25 00
Cutting, yarding and sawing	377 14
Trucking	64 85

 466 99

(Jan. 1, 1928, Bal. \$4.77. Receipts \$446.11.
Overdraft \$16.11

CEMETERIES.

Labor	581 95
Teams	12 00
Shrubs	6 00

 599 95

(Appropriation \$600. Bal. .05.)

M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Work, (Interest trans.)	9 00
Perpetual Care of lots, (Interest trans.)	465 65

INTEREST.

Temporary Loans.

Interest on Stone Crusher loan	25 00
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Interest on Snow Plow loan	\$162 00
Rev. loan No. 34	226 88
Rev. loan No. 35	455 63
Rev. loan No. 36	339 38

\$1,208 89

(Appropriation \$1,300. Bal. \$91.11)

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Loans in anticipation of revenue	45,000 00
Payment on principal, Stone Crusher loan	500 00
Payment on principal, Snow Plow loan	1,000 00

AGENCY AND TRUST.

Agency.

County tax	2,133 00
State tax	1,870 00
State Highway tax	801 40

4,804 40

Tax title

21 46

Trust.

Investment of Perpetual Care Funds	1,075 00
Invest. Geo. P. Miller Library Fund	1,500 00

2,575 00

TRANSFERS.

Trans. to Smith Fund	689 98
Trans. to Forbush Fund	189 20

879 18

Total Balances, \$3,220.84

Total Payments, \$132,508 96

Total overdrafts, 3,485.21

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1928, 13,295 88

\$145,804 84

FLORENCE B. RICE,

Town Accountant.

Trial Balance of December 31, 1928.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand:

General

\$13,295 88

Celebration Committee

5 83

Library Petty Cash

10 00

Amounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1927

12 89

1928

12,455 55

Special Assessment:

Moth 1928

84 90

Tax Title

39 77

Overdrawn Appropriations:

Board of Health

86 70

Highways Chap. 81

129 52

State Colony, (1642.47 recd. in Jan. '29)

2,491 43

Schools

421 70

Trade School

170 84

Miscellaneous

185 02

Hager Park Trustees

16 11

\$29,406 14

LIABILITIES.

Revenue Loan

\$15,000 00

Celebration Committee

5 83

Balances brought forward

Library

53 17

Mile Hill Road

796 36

Moth Assessment Revenue

84 90

Tax Title

38 34

Overlay 1928

1,805 65

Overlay Reserve

1,378 24

Excess and Deficiency:

Surplus

10,243 65

\$29,406 14

Trust Fund Cash and Securities.	Amount Jan. 1, 1928	Reimbursed	Income 1928	Income spent	New Trust Funds	Amount Jan. 1, 1929
F. W. Smith Poor Fund	\$34,989 23	\$689 98	\$2,320 38	\$1,972 38		\$36,027 21
J. W. Forbush Poor Fund	1,723 01	189 20	92 52	96 01		1,908 72
Upton School Fund	11,376 64		859 74	838 85		11,397 53
Joseph Hager School Fund	14,422 72		682 58	750 00		14,355 30
Preston P. Ellis School Fund	1,030 52		24 26			1,054 78
M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund	1,137 35		49 07	9 00		1,177 42
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	13,107 05		624 70	465 65	\$1,075 00	14,341 10
Town Library Fund	1,800 00					1,800 00
M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund	525 00					525 00
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	500 00					500 00
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	1,000 00					1,000 00
A. R. Hager Library Fund	600 00					600 00
M. D. Hawes Library Fund	1,000 00					1,000 00
Lucy J. Childs Library Fund	150 00					150 00
Preston P. Ellis Library Fund	1,000 00					1,000 00
Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	300 00					300 00
George P. Miller Library Fund					1,500 00	1,500 00
Water Investment	15,000 00					15,000 00
	\$99,661 52					\$103,637 06

TOWN TREASURER.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Cash on hand at last report	\$14,001 91
Receipts from all sources, including money borrowed, and transfers of income from Trust Funds for disbursement	<u>131,802 93</u>
Total,	\$145,804 84
Payments on warrants approved by Selectmen	132,508 96
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1928	<u>13,295 88</u>
Total,	\$145,804 84

TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS.

Frederick W. Smith Poor Fund.

Gardner Trust Co., savings dept.	6,000 00
Gardner Savings Bank	4,000 00
Fitchburg Savings Bank	3,000 00
Athol Savings Bank	3,000 00
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank	3,000 00
Leominster Savings Bank	3,000 00
Worcester County Inst. for Savings	3,000 00
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	3,000 00
Worcester North Savings Institution, Fitchburg	5,100 00
Gardner Trust Co., income account	1,077 21
Smith Farm Mortgage	1,850 00
(principal reduced \$100. Dep. in sav. bank.)	
Total fund	<u>\$36,027 21</u>
Principal \$34,175.47	

Joseph W. Forbush Worthy Poor Fund.

Worcester North Savings Institution, Fitchburg	\$1,908 72
Principal, \$1,000.	

Forbush Memorial Library Funds.

Town Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	\$1,800 00
(individual subscriptions in 1902)	

M. A. Farnsworth Fund, Leominster Savings Bank	\$525 00	
C. A. Forbush Fund, Leominster Savings Bank	500 00	
J. W. Forbush Fund, Athol Savings Bank	1,000 00	
A. R. Hager Fund, Gardner Savings Bank	600 00	
M. D. Haws Fund, Winchendon Savings Bank	1,000 00	
Preston Ellis Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	500 00	
and 5 shares John A. Dunn Co.	500 00	
Lucy J. Childs Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	150 00	
Frederick S. Whitman Fund	300 00	
Gardner Savings Bank		
*George A. Miller Fund, (new)		
Worcester North Savings Instn.,	1,500 00	
Principal, total Library Trust Funds		\$8,375 00
All income used annually.		

*George A. Miller was the son of Sylvester Miller, who previous to the Civil War conducted a teaming business and bought chairs from the small shops in town for the Boston market. He owned the property now occupied by Mr. Frank Parcher. Mr. James R. Bruce, father of George W. Bruce, a well known teamster at that time, purchased the property, business and good-will from Mr. Miller. On one of his weekly trips to Boston with four or five horses, returning with merchandise of all kinds for the storekeepers and people of the town, he obtained for young Miller a position with a Boston merchant. George A. Miller died a successful merchant and in his will remembered his native town of Westminster.

Upton School Fund.

Orange Savings Bank	541 20
Templeton Savings Bank	612 63
Fitchburg Savings Bank	694 83
Worcester Mechanics' Savings Bank	1,000 00
Peoples' Savings Bank, Worcester	1,000 00
Worcester County Ins. for Savings	1,100 00
Central Trust Co., Cambridge	1,125 83
Gardner Trust Co., savings dept.	905 73

28 shares Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$3,017 31	
25 shares Pullman Inc.,	1,400 00	
(a stock div. of 5 shares having been received since last report.)		
Total Securities Upton fund		11,397 53
Principal, \$11,116.50		

Preston P. Ellis School Fund.

Fitchburg Savings Bank	500 00	
5 shares John A. Dunn Co.	500 00	
Gardner Trust Company	54 78	
Total		1,054 78
Principal \$1,000.		

Joseph Hager School Fund.

Liberty Bonds 4½%	2,500 00	
Telephone Bonds 5%	1,000 00	
Gardner Savings Bank	4,000 00	
Leominster Savings Bank	2,000 00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	2,500 00	
Gardner Trust Co., Sav. dept.	\$2,355 30	
Total, Hager School Fund		\$14,355 30
Principal, \$12,000.		

\$500 Liberty bonds became due the past year and the amount deposited in savings bank.

City of Fitchburg Water Fund.

Gardner Savings Bank	3,500 00	
Gardner Trust Company Savings Dept.	4,500 00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	7,000 00	
Total		\$15,000 00

All income used annually.

\$4,000 Union Pacific R. R. bonds and \$1,500 Town of Ashburnham note matured the past year and the amount deposited in savings bank as shown above.

Milton A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund. (Mt. Pleasant)

Liberty bonds	1,000 00	
Gardner Trust Company	177 42	
Total		1,177 42

Principal \$1,000.

One hundred fiftieth Anniversary Committee, bal, in bank 5 83

LIABILITIES.

Note at Gardner Trust Co., due June 19, 1929 15,000 00

Loan at Gardner Trust Co., Tractor and Snow Plow, final payment due Oct. 27, 1931	2,600 00	
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\$17,600 00

Amount borrowed during the year in anticipation of taxes was
\$45,000, of which \$15,000 remains unpaid.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO,

Town Treasurer.

County Aid to Agriculture.

Board of Selectmen, Westminster, Mass.

Following is my report on County Aid to Agriculture, Junior Dept.

Jan. 1, 1928 balance on hand \$90 70

Expenditures:

May.—Mr. Treadwell, for baby chicks for

Poultry Club boys. Boys themselves paid

\$6.00 of total of \$25.00 19 00

Nov.—Mrs. Arthur Nye, services as club leader 10 00 \$29 00

Bal. on hand, Jan. 1, 1929 61 70

Feb. 1929.—Collected on poultry loan 5 00

Still out on poultry loans 14 00

Total \$80 70

The work is progressing favorably, especially the Poultry and Home Economics Clubs, although it would seem as though more of the boys and girls would avail themselves of the opportunities offered by the Extension Service. No appropriation will be necessary at this time as the present balance will carry us through this year.

ERNEST M. VIEWEG,

Town Director.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

	Jan. 1, 1928.	Income.	Withdrawn & Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1929
Allen, Lyman	\$129 00	\$6 53	\$3 70	\$131 83
Allen, Frederick	119 46	6 03	3 20	122 29
Bacon, Edward	105 67	4 80	2 00	108 47
Baker, Ellen L.	106 77	5 38	8 00	104 15
Baker, Eliza	85 21	3 90		89 11
Barnes, Sarah M.	105 48	4 79	2 00	108 27
Bartow, Hattie Wheeler	51 66	2 32	4 00	49 98
Battles, Alfred	113 51	5 16	6 50	112 17
Beaman, Ruth P.	63 74	2 89	6 00	60 63
*Bean, Laura J.	100 00	1 25	1 25	100 00
Benjamin, Wm. H.	116 12	5 28	7 00	114 40
Bolton, Alonzo D.	110 05	5 55	3 00	112 60
Bolton, Franklin E.	102 58	4 65	2 00	105 23
*Bolton, Simeon and Elizabeth Whitney	100 00	3 79		103 79
Brown, John	140 06	7 08	23 00	124 14
Brown, Timothy	111 45	5 06	3 95	112 56
Brooks, S. E. and A.	215 25	9 81	14 00	211 06
Borey, M. J.	60 12	2 71	2 00	60 83
*Carter, Merriam and Hannaford	150 00	2 51		152 51
Childs, Lucy J.	211 57	9 65	3 00	218 22
Cutler, Jonas	110 28	5 58	7 00	108 86
Cowee, Sarah M.	120 02	6 08	3 95	122 15
Coleman and Derby	171 96	8 68	25 00	155 64
Daisy, Henry H.	106 75	5 38	2 00	110 13
*Davis, Geo. M. and Elizabeth	100 00			100 00
*Horace E. Davis	100 00			100 00
Derby, Walter	102 48	4 64	6 00	101 12
Durling, A. R.	100 26	4 54	2 50	102 30
Dupree, Charles H. & Mary A.	216 30	10 93	3 00	224 23
Eaton, Mary W.	52 03	2 34	1 50	52 87
Elliott, Flora E.	55 70	2 51	2 00	56 21
Estey, Oliver	116 84	5 30	4 00	118 14

	Jan. 1, 1928.	Income.	Withdrawn & Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1929
Ellis, Preston P.	\$147 35	\$6 73	\$4 20	\$149 88
Eaton, William	131 72	6 66	3 70	134 68
Eaton, Marshall	117 04	5 91	3 95	119 00
Eaton, Stillman	47 02	2 38	3 70	45 70
Estabrook, J. W.	57 85	2 91	10 00	50 76
Foskett, Sarah A.	55 44	2 78	5 00	53 22
Forbush, Charles A.	141 48	7 16	6 00	142 64
Forbush, Joseph W.	214 07	10 83	8 00	216 90
Farnsworth, Mary A.	64 81	3 25	1 50	66 56
Goodridge, John C.	140 40	6 38	4 00	142 78
Healy and Dalrymple	55 04	2 48	2 00	55 52
Hager, Joseph	412 21	18 83	14 00	417 04
Hager, George W.	75 69	3 81	2 00	77 50
Hager, Elijah	80 05	4 05	2 00	82 10
Harris and Barnes	103 94	4 72	2 00	106 66
Holden and Eames	132 52	6 68	3 20	136 00
Harrington and Wheeler	53 66	2 68	5 00	51 34
Hood, M. E.	124 71	6 28	2 50	128 49
Hartwell, Leander	64 37	3 23	8 00	59 60
Haynes, George N.	116 56	5 29	4 20	117 65
Hill, David W.	231 51	10 55	3 00	239 06
Jackson, Levi and Jane	109 06	4 95	3 50	110 51
Kendall, Edward S. & Mary E.	109 56	4 98	2 50	112 04
Kendall, Edward F.	408 67	18 66	12 00	415 33
Leland, H. J.	58 90	2 65	10 00	51 55
Lewis, Nelson	113 35	5 15	2 00	116 50
Lamb, Stephen F.	109 10	4 95	3 70	110 35
*Lantz, Mary E. Taylor lot	100 00			100 00
Learned and Goodnow	109 67	4 98	3 00	111 65
Lynde, John & Lucy K.	151 02	7 67		158 69
Merriam, Read	104 48	4 75	2 00	107 23
Merriam, Thos.	104 48	4 75	2 00	107 23
Miller, James W.	119 32	5 43	2 00	122 75
Miller, John C.	102 47	4 64	2 00	105 11
Miller, Joseph and Emily	52 90	2 37	4 50	50 77

	Jan. 1, 1928.	Income.	Withdrawn & Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1929
*Miller, Sylvester	\$150 00	\$1 25		\$151 25
Miles and Puffer	60 83	3 05	4 00	59 88
*Morse, Farwell	100 00	2 08		102 08
Marshall, Julia L.	105 47	4 79	2 00	108 26
Merriam, Francis	108 69	4 93	4 00	109 62
Mayo, William	230 70	11 65	7 45	234 90
Minott, Joseph	109 97	5 53	2 00	113 50
Merriam, Artemas	188 27	9 50	8 00	189 77
Merriam, Oliver M.	113 17	5 73	2 00	116 90
Minott, Fanny	100 83	5 12	3 00	102 95
McAllister, Rev. Wm. C.	101 07	5 13		106 20
Nichols, Charles	187 25	8 53	4 05	191 73
Nichols, Frederick	106 91	4 85	5 05	106 71
Partridge, Seaver & Hartwell	150 34	7 60	7 20	150 74
Pierce, Elisha	238 02	12 03	2 00	248 05
Page, Porter F.	226 93	11 45	3 50	234 88
Puffer, Rev. Stephen	54 65	2 75	1 00	56 40
Peckham, Horatio	51 13	2 31	1 50	51 94
Raymond, Abijah H.	113 90	5 17	2 00	117 07
Ray, Ivers	125 91	6 36	5 70	126 57
Ray, Hiram	103 08	5 21		108 29
Rice, Wm S.	103 31	4 69	2 00	106 00
Rider, Wm. D.	50 76	2 28	2 00	57 04
Saunders, Amos	50 76	2 28	2 00	51 04
Sawin, Otis W. & L. Ashton	202 15	9 24	5 50	205 89
*Seaver, Silas W. & Geo. C. Baker	75 00	1 25		76 25
Smith, Sarah B.	59 27	2 98	1 50	60 75
Stearns, Sarah H.	116 72	5 88	2 00	120 60
Spaulding and Rugg	231 35	11 71		243 06
*Sprague, Samuel H.	100 00			100 00
Upton, George C.	895 57	45 61	20 00	921 18
Walton, Joseph L.	54 13	2 42	6 00	50 55
Wetherbee, Lina W.	109 19	4 95	3 00	111 14
Wood, Charles P.	33 34	1 50	3 50	31 34
Woodbury, Joseph	78 21	3 53	1 00	80 74

	Jan. 1, 1928.	Income.	Withdrawn & Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1929
Whitney, John	\$135 82	\$6 19	\$6 00	\$136 01
Ware, Abigail E.	225 65	11 48	3 00	234 13
Whipple and Hackett	102 10	5 15	4 00	103 25
Wyman, Sophia L.	145 94	7 36	16 00	137 30
Wheeler, Delia A.	53 61	2 40	1 75	54 26
Whitney, Malcom R.	105 24	4 78	3 75	106 27
Whitman, Fred S.	497 96	25 18	12 50	507 64
Young, Fidelia Sawin	58 11	2 93	4 00	57 04

*New in 1928.

Total perpetual care cemetery lot funds, \$14,341.10

JOSEPH HAGER PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Early in the year we went over more or less of this tract of 100 acres with two men from the State Forestry Department who were on a tour of inspection of Town Forests and although young trees for planting will be furnished free of charge it was not thought necessary in this case of Westminster. Having in mind the expressed wishes of the donor of this generous gift to the Town, that it always be cared for and kept as a public park, we endeavor to use proper judgment in cutting wood. This winter a section of mature grey birch among which young pines were growing has been carefully cut over, giving the pines a better chance to grow. This wood mixed with the dry chestnut on hand will furnish a better grade of fuel for the Town Hall, Library and schools.

We urge care and caution with the use of matches and cigarets to those passing through the Park.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO,
FLOYD W. VINCENT,
CARLOS E. BARRON,

Trustees.

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

To the Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1928.

The large circulation, exceeded by a larger amount of reference work denotes a successful year.

In January over two hundred volumes were collected and sent to the libraries in Vermont.

A collection of photographs of "Our National Parks" were loaned by the Woman's Education Association.

A prize contest was held for the pupils of the center schools in April, of posters and bird houses, and these were exhibited at the library.

The Division of Public Libraries at the State House, will lend books, other than fiction, to smaller libraries for one month and many interesting and valuable books have been borrowed.

From the same source we have received traveling libraries in Finnish, also a library in easy English for use in connection with the evening schools. As in other years, the higher grades of the center schools are sent to the library for instruction each week, for a certain period.

The Narrows Branch, under the direction of Miss Baker, is doing excellent work where the people are shut off from other sources of reading. The Forbush Memorial Library is open each Wednesday from two to eight o'clock; on Saturdays from two to nine o'clock, P. M. The library is closed on all public holidays.

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

Days open	101
Number of volumes added by purchase	191
Number of volumes added by gift	26
Number of volumes lost or discarded	34
Number of volumes in library	11,905
Largest day's circulation, July 7	207
Average daily circulation	112
Circulation for year	11,384
Narrows Branch	1,060
Total circulation	12,444

GIFTS—BOOKS.

One volume, Mr. Charles K. Bolton—one volume, Mrs. J. H. Rockel—one volume, Alfred A. Whitney Co.—one volume, Mass. New Church Union—one volume, Mrs. C. B. Dawley—one volume, Rev. Drew T. Wyman—one volume, Miss L. F. Hard—one volume, American Society

for the Control of Cancer—two volumes, Mr. John Richardson—five volumes, Mr. L. A. Whitney—fourteen volumes, Messrs. C. K. and L. S. Miller.

PERIODICALS.

American Legion,	American Legion Auxiliary
Christian Leader,	Universalist, Ladies' Social Circle
Congregationalist,	Congregational Church
Missions,	Baptist Mission Circle
Watchman,	Mrs. F. A. Merriam
Elks Magazine,	Mr. C. B. Dawley
Woman's Home Companion,	Miss Ida Delva
Trailmaker,	Clover Leaf Troop One, Girl Scouts
American Child, Christian Century,	Child Labor Bulletin, Religious
Education, Wellspring, Spellman Messenger,	Successful Farming,
Tufts College Graduate, Industrial Student, M. A. C. Alumni Bulletin.	M. A. C. Reports, Worcester County Farmer, Nation's Business,
National Grange Monthly, Mass. Elephant, Woman Citizen,	Rev. Lucy Milton Giles
Bell Telephone Quarterly, Tycos Rochester, Alpha Aids, American Issue, Mazdaznan, Living Tissue, Humane Education, National Republic,	
Mental Hygiene, Our Dumb Animals, Goodwill,	

The Publishers

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH F. GREENE,

Librarian.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

Four meetings of the Board have been held for the conducting of business.

The Trustees regret to record the resignation of the Rev. W. S. Randall from the Board, made necessary by his removal to East Weymouth. The Trustees appreciate the service which he rendered while a member of the Board.

The Library Trustees, together with the Selectmen of the Town, have chosen Mr. Maurice T. Billings to serve on the Board until the March Meeting, 1929.

Again we are the recipients of a number of books and other gifts from our friends, and for them the Board extends its sincere thanks. We have also been remembered in a financial way,—\$1,500 has been paid to the Town for the benefit of the Library from the estate of the

late Mr. George A. Miller, a thoughtfulness which is deeply appreciated, and it is trusted others may imitate this good example.

School children are being instructed in the use of the library for research work, while others are taught work at the desk. Although high school scholars are in attendance at Fitchburg and Gardner, they look to the Westminster librarians and Library for data called for by their school curriculum.

Over 100 new books and replacements have been ordered this year. The book committee, with the assistance of qualified critics, have reviewed all new books, only three or four being rejected as unfit for local use.

It was voted at the March quarterly meeting to increase the salaries of the Librarians, Miss Greene and Miss Harrington, in appreciation of their faithful services to the Library and its patrons.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO,	CYRUS T. MILLER,
LUCY MILTON GILES,	IDA E. MERRIAM,
SARAH J. WYMAN,	MAURICE T. BILLINGS,
	Trustees.

Branch Library—Narrows District.

To the Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library:—

The Branch Library which was started in February, 1924, at my home, has been continued through the years 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1928.

I have received 265 books from the Main Library during the year 1928. These books have been distributed among 65 different families, with an average circulation of four for each book, making the total circulation 1,060.

Since opening the Branch Library in February, 1924, I have received 2,756 books from the Main Library for distribution in this section of the Town.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Mr. Cyrus T. Miller and Mr. Edward J. Rice for their kindness in transporting the books to and from the Library for me, and my sincere appreciation of their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE E. BAKER.

Westminster, Mass., Jan. 7, 1929.

Selectmen's Appropriation Recommendations 1929

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

General Government.

Salaries of Town Officers and expenses	\$2,000 00
Town Hall maintenance	1,000 00

Protection of Persons and Property.

Constables	500 00
Fire Department	1,800 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	75 00
Tree Warden	100 00
Liability Insurance	300 00
Gypsy Moth	635 99

Health and Sanitation.

Board of Health	500 00
Tuberculosis Assessment	174 89

Highways.

General Repairs, under Chapter 81	3,080 00
Snow and Ice, (highways)	2,000 00
Snow and Ice, (sidewalks)	100 00
Sidewalks, (repairs)	100 00
Bridges	500 00
Ashburnham Road	1,000 00
Harrington Road	2,000 00
Leino Park Road	1,000 00
North Common Road	1,000 00
New Sidewalks	900 00
Public Welfare	650 00
Watering tubs and guide boards	50 00
Electric lights for streets	1,935 00

Soldiers' Benefits.

State Aid	144 00
Soldiers' Relief	300 00

Schools.

(Including amount from State)	30,000 00
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Forbush Library.

Dog fund and	1,000 00
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Cemeteries.

600 00

Interest Payments.

1,200 00

Payment of Debt.

Tractor note	1,000 00
Unclassified.	
Memorial Day	125 00
Town Clock	20 00
Printing Town Reports	300 00
Care of World War Memorial	75 00
Tuition at Trade Schools	700 00
Miscellaneous	400 00

LIST OF JURORS.

Arthur L. Bascomb, retired	Wilho W. Mayranen, Salesman
Arno E. Hurd, Farmer	Wallace D. Flagg, Laborer
Leroy W. Hutchinson, Shipping Clerk	Philip Hills, Machinist
Frank W. Fenno, Banker	James P. Dugan, Farmer
George L. Dawley, Manufacturer	Edward J. Rice, Salesman
Charles A. Hicks, Carpenter	Richard W. Ahlin, Accountant
Frank S. Smith, Farmer	William F. Percy, Blacksmith
Royal L. Frye, Painter	Matthew Handlin, Station Agent
Harold D. Merriam, Storekeeper	Stanley Whitney, Farmer
S. Edwin Story, Jeweler	

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westminster, in the County aforesaid: GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Westminster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Westminster, on Monday the fourth day of March, 1929, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear the report of any Committee chosen by the Town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, or terms of three years.

Art. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the following departments: General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Town Hall, Health and Sanitation, Highways, Schools, Libraries, Cemeteries, Payment of Interest, Payment of Debt, Unclassified, Public Welfare, Soldiers' Benefits.

Art. 5. To see what compensation the Town will allow the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, and determine the terms upon which they shall be collected, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1929, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen, or act relative thereto.

Art. 8. To choose all necessary Committees for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will choose an agent or agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting Taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to pay the tuition of students attending the Worcester Trade School, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to take out Liability Insurance for its employees, raise and appropriate any sum of money for said purpose, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to continue the rebuilding of the South Ashburnham Road in accordance with Chapter 90, of the General Laws, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to repair and improve the road from Bacon Street to the North Common, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to repair the Harrington Road near the residence of John Viganotti, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for repairing the road from the residence of the late E. T. Smith to the South Ashburnham Road toward Whitmanville, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to install a street light on South Gardner Road opposite the Westminster Garage, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to sell or repair the School houses in Districts No. 3 or No. 5, or act relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to sell or let the school house in District No. 6 known as the North District, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will allow the use of the Town Hall to the Town Schools on certain specified dates, free of charge, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the purpose of building a two-room addition to the Upton School, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$50.00 for fire suppression provided the State will provide a like sum or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100.00 to provide a dental clinic for school children, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to repair the Gate House Road, or act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of constructing a cement sidewalk on Main Street from a point near the residence of Charles F. Giles to the end of the present cement walk in front of the residence of Clinton C. Houghton, a distance of about four hundred and fifty feet, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to install an additional street light on Main Street between the residence of Charles F. Giles and Nichols Street, or act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to obtain prices for a chemical tank for Reo Truck. This committee to report on same at some future meeting, or act relative thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to choose a director in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 128, General Laws, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to take care of overdrafts, or act relative thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to repair the District Schools, or act relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office and Town Hall in said Town, seven days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

LUCIUS W. FRENCH,
S. EDWIN STORY,
EDWARD R. MILLER,

Selectmen of Westminster.

A true copy, attest:

S. EDWIN STORY,
Clerk of Selectmen.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1929.

There were four Town Meetings held during the year 1929.
(In the following reports of Town Meetings it is a synopsis from records of each meeting).

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 4, 1929.

Article 1.

Arno E. Hurd was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

(To hear the report of any committee)

No committee reported under this article.

Article 3.

The following is a list of Town Officers chosen together with those whose term of office has not expired:

TOWN CLERK

Charles F. Giles

TREASURER

Frank W. Fenno

SELECTMEN

Harold D. Merriam was chosen for three years

Lucius W. French, term expires March, 1930

Edward R. Miller, term expires March, 1931

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Maud I. Miller was chosen for three years

Cyrus T. Miller, term expires March, 1930

Lucius W. French, term expires March, 1931

ASSESSORS

Henry L. Curtis was chosen for three years

Arno E. Hurd, term expires March, 1930

Emory J. Raymond, term expires March, 1931

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

E. Frances Merriam was chosen for three years

Arno E. Hurd, term expires March, 1930

Ernest M. Vieweg, term expires March, 1931

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ida E. Merriam was chosen for three years

Frank W. Fenno was chosen for three years

Sarah J. Wyman, term expires March, 1930

Maurice P. Billings, term expires March, 1930

Lucy M. Giles, term expires March, 1931

Cyrus T. Miller, term expires March, 1931

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Frank S. Parks was chosen for three years

Windsor F. Neal, term expires March, 1930

Elmer Walker, term expires March, 1931

HAGER PARK COMMISSIONERS

Frank W. Fenno, was chosen for three years

Carlos E. Barron, term expires March, 1930

Floyd W. Vincent, term expires March, 1931

TAX COLLECTOR

Windsor F. Neal

CONSTABLE

Harold A. Towle

TREE WARDEN

Emory J. Raymond

MEASURERS OF WOOD, LUMBER AND BARK

Nathan D. Howard

Emil A. Wuth

Wickliffe H. Waterhouse

Harold D. Merriam

Edward R. Flagg

Edward F. Hetu

Amboy H. Proctor

Frank S. Smith

Article 4.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Note—In the following table appropriations under other articles are also included in order to show the total amount appropriated.

Salaries of Town Officers and expenses	\$2,000
Town Hall Maintenance	1,000
Constables	500
Fire Department	1,800
Sealer of Weights and Measures	75
Tree Warden	100
Liability Insurance	300
Moth work	635 99
Fire suppression (special)	100
Board of Health	500
Tuberculosis assessment	174 89
Dental clinic	200
General repairs of Highways—Chapter 81	3,080
Special repairs on back roads	1,000
Ashburnham road	1,000
North Common road	1,000
Harrington road	2,000
Gate House road—Chapter 90	1,000
E. T. Smith road	150

Snow and Ice removal (highways)	\$2,000
Snow and Ice removal (sidewalks)	100
Sidewalks (repairs)	900
Sidewalks (new)	500
Bridges	500
Watering Tubs and Guide Boards	50
Electric Lights	1,640
Public Welfare	650
State Aid.	144
Soldiers' Relief	300
Schools (including amount from State)	31,000
Repairing District schools	1,000
Forbush Library—dog license fund and	1,100
Cemeteries	600
Interest payments	1,200
Tractor note	1,000
Overdrafts	864 26
Memorial Day	125
Care of Town Clock	20
Printing Town Reports	300
Care of World War Memorial	75
Tuition at Trade Schools	700
Miscellaneous	400
Total	\$61,784 14

Article 5.

Voted that the Tax Collector be allowed one cent on each dollar collected and subject to the following conditions:

All taxes shall be due October 1st, 1929.

Interest charges shall start from November 1st, 1929.

All taxes paid after Nov. 1st, 1929 shall pay six per cent. per annum additional.

Article 6.

Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipa-

tion of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1929 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 7.

Voted to accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Article 8.

(article to choose all necessary committees)

No action taken under this article.

Article 9.

Voted that the Selectmen act as agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town.

Article 10.

Voted to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

Article 11.

Voted \$700 to pay the tuition of students attending the Worcester Trade School.

Article 12.

Voted \$300 for the purpose of taking out liability insurance for Town employees.

Article 13.

Voted to appropriate from the excess and deficiency fund \$1,000. for the So. Ashburnham road, under Chap. 90.

Article 14.

Voted to appropriate from the excess and deficiency fund \$1,000. to repair and improve the road from Bacon Street to the North Common.

Article 15.

Voted to appropriate from the excess and deficiency fund \$2,000. to repair the Harrington road.

Article 16.

Voted \$150 for repairing the road from the residence of the late E. T. Smith to the So. Ashburnham road towards Whitmanville.

Article 17.

(article to install a street light on So. Gardner road opposite the Westminster Garage)

No appropriation made under this article.

Article 18.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to sell the school-houses in Districts No. 3 and No. 5.

Article 19.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized, at their discretion, to sell the school house in District No. 6, known as the North District.

Article 20.

Voted that the Town allow the use of the Town Hall free of charge to schools and organizations as follows:

Boy Scouts may use the Hall Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Girl Scouts, 2nd and 4th Fridays from 3 to 5 P. M.

Schools, Monday and Wednesday afternoons, from 3 to 6 o'clock from Thanksgiving day to the end of March.

Article 21.

A motion "to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000. for the purpose of building a two-room addition to the Upton school was defeated. The vote was: Yes, 34 and No. 35.

Article 22.

Voted \$100 for fire suppression, (special) providing the State will provide a like sum.

Article 23.

Voted \$100 to provide a dental clinic for school children.

Article 24.

Voted \$1,000. under Chapter 90, to repair the Gate House road.

Article 25.

Voted \$500 for the purpose of constructing a cement sidewalk on Main Street from a point near the residence of C. F. Giles to the end of the present walk in front of the residence of C. C. Houghton.

Article 26.

(article to install an additional street light on Main Street)

Voted to pass over the article.

Article 27.

Voted to authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to obtain prices for a chemical tank for Reo truck. This committee to report at some future meeting.

Article 28.

Voted, and chose Ernest M. Vieweg Agricultural Director in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 128, General Laws.

Article 29.

Voted to appropriate from the excess and deficiency fund for overdrafts the sum of \$864.26.

Article 30.

Voted \$1,000. to repair District Schools (that are to be used this year).

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING HELD AUGUST 10, 1929.

Article 1.

Arno E. Hurd was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

Voted \$16 to pay Kusti Winter for school transportation in 1928

Article 3.

Voted \$20 to replace a ladder broken while painting the school house in 1928.

Article 4.

Voted \$20 for watering tubs and guide boards.

Article 5.

A motion to authorize the Selectmen to buy the Kamilla farm and to raise and appropriate \$2,500 to pay for the same was decided in the negative.

Article 6.

(Article to see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the reforestation of the Kamilla farm).

Voted to pass over the article.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 22, 1929.

Article 1.

Lucius W. French was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

Voted to authorize the School Committee to drill an artesian well for the Upton school building and to appropriate \$750 for said purpose, the sum to be taken from the excess and deficiency fund.

Article 3.

Voted to choose a committee of five to investigate the possibility of a Town water system and report at next March meeting and to appropriate \$100 for the use of said committee. The committee, as chosen by the assembly, was as follows: Frank W. Derby, Carlos E. Barron, Herbert L. Rowe, Joseph F. Montville and Edward R. Miller.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING HELD DECEMBER 21, 1929.

Article 1.

Arno E. Hurd was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

Voted to appropriate for Schools as follows:

From surplus estimated receipts	\$2,700	
From balance of interest account	320	
From excess and deficiency	380	
	Total	3,400

Voted to appropriate for Constables	
from surplus estimated receipts	30

Voted to appropriate for Liability Insurance	
from overlay reserve	193 76

Voted to appropriate for Board of Health	
from overlay reserve	500

Voted to appropriate for Public Welfare	
from overlay reserve	200

Voted to appropriate for Trade School	
from surplus estimated receipts	200

Article 3.

Voted to appropriate, from the miscellaneous department, the sum of \$80 to reimburse the Baptist Church Society for money expended for repairs on the Town clock.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

For the year ending December 31, 1929.

Note—If any error in names or dates are noticed, or any omissions, please inform the Town Clerk.

Births recorded	16
Deaths recorded	21
Brought into Town for burial, (non-resident)	18
Marriages recorded	11

BIRTHS 1929

Date	Name of child	Name of parents
Jan. 15	Mary Emergene Fenno	Thaddeus and Mabel
Feb. 27	Herbert Stephen Moore	Edward and Gladys
March 1	Richard Martin Seppala	Axel and Mary
April 2	Joan Ann Heustridge	George and Annie
April 25	Frederick August Luomala	John and Ida
May 2	Laila Linea Saavela	John and Anna
May 8	Kenneth Stone	Melvin and Pearl
May	— — —	— — —
May 25	Grace Lydia Kenney	Arthur and Genevieve
June	— — —	— — —
June 17	Audrey Elizabeth Reynolds	Charles H. and Elizabeth
June 22	Charles Clarence York, Jr.	Charles C. and Hilda
Sept. 24	Bertha Selma Vieweg	Ernest and Anna
Oct. 14	Donald Burton Selig	Charles and Viola

Date	Name of child	Name of parents
Nov. 25	Robert William Towle	Harold and Marion
Dec. 19	Roy James Barrett	Ernest and Lavina

DEATHS 1929.

Date		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 6	Einar A. Muhonen	36	1	2
Jan. 30	Richard E. Stiles		3	
Feb. 10	Adaja Mayranen	62		1
March 18	Mary Ann Page	6	10	
March 23	Ida J. (Whitney) Lovewell	82	3	5
April 4	Sarah E. (Glazier) Drury	86	6	23
April 25	Mary L. (Mansfield) Smith	84	3	
May 12	Thomas Racine	64	4	14
May 17	Ellen R. (Dike) Carter	80		10
May 20	Clara (Story) Upham	79	1	18
June	— — —	—	—	—
June 15	Helmi (Laitala) Maki	34	7	
June 27	Frank R. Murdock, Jr.	60	6	3
June 30	Charles H. Dupee	70	7	18
July 14	Kalle Jarvenen	49		
July 14	Emil Parila	39	2	9
July 20	Ella (Church) Whitney	75	10	6
Aug. 27	Ida A. Delva	67	5	7
Oct. 4	Calixte Brough	78	3	6
Dec. 7	Clymena P. (Farrah) Whitney	77	6	15
Dec. 13	John E. Brown	63	3	28

BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL (Non-resident)

Date of Death	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days	From
1928					
Dec. 16	Cora E. Clark	67			Brockton
1929					
Jan. 2	Wallace C. Smith	78			Gardner

Date of Death	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days	From
Jan. 14	Frank H. Kendall	73	9	12	Fitchburg
Feb. 20	Ida L. Seaver	56		4	Worcester
Mar. 11	Mary S. Poland	71	4	18	Fitchburg
Mar. 24	Harriett L. Perkins	75			Leominster
Mar. 27	Ellen (Peabody) Nichols	85	8	27	Jaffrey, N.H.
Mar.	— — — — —	—	—	—	Fitchburg
April 2	Emma (Sanders) Bolton	78			Leominster
April 10	Jessie L. Z. Sweet	66	1		Gardner
Aug. 15	William J. Black	76		12	Gardner
Sept. 3	Charles S. Whitney	68	1	10	Fitchburg
Sept. 8	Helen M. Story	84	2	8	Gardner
Oct. 20	Carrie E. Besse	66	1	6	Wareham
Oct. 25	Ellen (Allen) Coolidge	87			Pittsburg, Pa.
Dec. 4	Joseph W. Estabrook	82	2	23	Gardner
Dec. 11	Albina Whitney	52			Boston
Dec. 27	Adeline Eager	88	10	28	Westborough

MARRIAGES 1929

Date and place of marriage.	Name	Residence
May 27	William R. Heins, Jr.	Fitchburg
Fitchburg	Aurelia Roma Wuth	Westminster
June 3	Joseph J. Roy	Westminster
Fitchburg	Marguerite LaFleur	Fitchburg
June 5	Richard W. Ahlin	Westminster
E. Weymouth	Adora B. Cook	Leominster
June 8	Reginald Brown	Worcester
Westminster	Gertrude (Butterfield) Sawyer	Boston
July 20	Forest E. Smith	Westminster
Rutland	Martenah E. Prescott	Rutland

Date and place of marriage.	Name	Residence
July 27	Ilmari Klemetti	Gardner
Westminster	Anna E. Kahkola	Westminster
Aug. 9	George J. Girard	Westminster
Worcester	Anna J. Braks	Westminster
Aug. 24	Edison E. Wyeth	Townsend
Townsend	Alice E. Smith	Westminster
Sept. 7	St. Denis Noel	Londonderry, N.H.
Ashburnham	Exzelia (Couture) Noel	Westminster
Sept. 13	Frank E. Ballou	Westminster
Westminster	Jennella (Sutton) Sager	Westminster
Nov. 19	Eric G. Lawrence	Westminster
Fitchburg	Eva J. Rameau	Westminster

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1929.

Licenses have been issued to the following persons:

Adams, Charles (2)	\$4	Curry, James	\$2
Aho, Arvo	2	Curtis, F. A.	2
Aho, Matti	2	Curtis, H. L.	5
Antilla, Isaac	2	Dawley, C. B.	2
Arcangeli, Giacomo	2	Dawley, G. L.	2
Arvio, Charles	2	Drury, Lillian	2
Autyo, Waino	2	Dupee, C. H.	2
Ballou, Frank	5	Durling, K. J.	2
Bargland, John	2	Dyer, Alta	2
Barrett, Eugene	2	Earle, Marion	2
Bascomb, A. L.	2	Eaton, Leon	2
Bassett, Emma	5	Ehalainen, Otto	2
Bassett, Walter	5	Engman, George	2
Battles, H. N. (2)	10	Fairbanks, Cora	5
Battles, R. W. (3)	12	Flagg, Wallace	2
Beauchene, George	2	French, Marshall	2
Beauregard, J. F.	5	Friberg, Eina	2
Bergkuist, A.	2	Goguen, Louis	2
Bernhardt, Carl (3)	6	Goodridge, John C.	2
Bigelow, Frank	2	Gordon, Mary S.	5
Bilson, K. J.	2	Grant, J. T.	5
Black, William	2	Hamalainen, Antti	2
Brackett, Wilfred	2	Hamilton, E. M. (3)	6
Braks, Emma	2	Hanks, Henry	2
Brigham, Orrin	2	Hanninen, Otto (2)	4
Brown, John E.	5	Happila, Heino	2
Buckwold, Barbara	2	Harris, Hiram	2
Carey, John	2	Hartwell, Lewis	2
Caswell, H. E.	2	Helman, August	2
Codding, Arthur	2	Henstridge, George	2
Collette, Bessie	2	Herold, Oswald	5
Cousins, Ivan	2	Hetu, Albert	2
Cummings, Nathan (2)	4	Hill, John	2

Hill, William	\$2	Marshall, Phoebe (2)	\$4
Hills, Phillips	2	Mayranen, A.	2
Hintala, E. (2)	4	McAdams, Leon	2
Holm, Carl	2	McConlough, J.	2
Honkala, Oiva (2)	7	Merriam, Charles	2
Hussary, Andrew	5	Montville, Laura	2
Hutchinson, Bertha	2	Moore, Edward	2
Ikaheimo, J.	2	Muhonen, Eino	2
Jaaskelinen, H.	2	Nelson, Jesse	2
Jamsa, John	2	Nelson, Nils	2
Jahunen, Otto	2	Newell, Fred	2
Johnson, Hjalmar	2	Newton, Edmund	2
Kamila, Oscar	2	Niemi, Kasper	2
Kantolo, Linda	2	Nikki, Toivo	5
Korvonen, John (2)	4	Nisula, Frank	2
Keskinen, Henry	2	Nisula, Stephen	2
Kinnary, Karle	2	Nitsche, George	2
Korkala, Kusti	2	Noel, Exzeila	2
Koski, Jacob	2	Nygaard, Charles	2
Kurikka, Victor	2	Page, J. H.	2
Lahtinen, Charles	2	Peltary, Nestor	2
Laukkenen, Waino (2)	4	Percy, Paul (2)	4
Lehtinen, Ellen	2	Porter, J. B.	2
Lehtonen, Sanni	2	Putney, William (3)	6
Leighton, Elmer	5	Rameau, Arthur	2
Leighton, Esther	2	Reed, Leslie	2
Leikenen, Kalle	2	Reynolds, Charles (2)	4
Leino, Emil	2	Rhodes, George	2
Leino, Leo P.	2	Rice, Leah	2
Linguist, Carl	2	Rinquist, Alvin	5
Loughlin, P. H. Jr.	2	Rintala, Kalle	2
Lynde, Chester (2)	10	Roberts, John	2
MacAloney, Frank	2	Robillard, Ubald	2
MacAloney, Wm. (3)	9	Roiha, Esias	2
Mackey, Otto	2	Root, Thomas	2
Maggs, Percy	2	Sakkinen, Charles	2
Maki, Emil	2	Sakkinen, John	2
Maki, Gusti	2	Salo, Andrew	2
Mantilla, Charles	2	Salo, August	2

Sanderson, H. L.	\$2	Whitney, Gordon	\$2
Savilampa, Henry	2	Wiinikainen, Abel	2
Sellman, Toivo	2	Wilson, Victor	2
Shepard, H. A.	2	Winter, Kusti	2
Sillanpaa, Victor	2	Wintturi, William	2
Sioman, Charles	2	Wiswell, George	2
Slade, Fred	2	Withington, Harry	2
Smith, Ernest	2	Wuth, Emil (2)	4
Smith, Leonard	2	Young, Eunlce	2
Stone, Melvin	2		
Strout, William (2)	7	Total,	\$493.00
Suomela, Michael	2	On hand at last report	7.00
Sutela, Eino	2		
Tonroos, Oscar	2		500.00
Towle, H. A.	2	Clerk's fees	42.20
Towle, M. W.	2		
Tuomela, Peter	2	Amt. sent to County	
Tuomi, Axel	2	to Dec. 1, 1929	\$457.80
Tuominen, Kusti	2		
Vieweg, Ernest (2)	4	Transfer issued:	
Vincent, F. W.	2		
Wainonen, E.	5	George Rameau.	
Waltonen, Henry	2		
Ward, Joseph	2	CHARLES F. GILES,	
Waronen, Axel	2	Town Clerk.	
Wartiainen, Peter	2		
Wasara, Reino	2		
Waterhouse, W. H.	2		
Wedlock, J. S. (3)	9		

REPORT OF STATE AUDITOR.

July 30, 1929

To the Board of Selectmen,
Mr. Edward R. Miller, Chairman,
Westminster, Massachusetts.
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Westminster for the period from January 1, 1928 to May 30, 1929, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Accountant of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Westminster for the period from January 1, 1928 to May 30, 1929, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and verified.

The books and accounts of the accountant were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were checked with the

treasurer's cash book and with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town. The payments were checked with the treasurer's cash book and with the treasury warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds.

The appropriations and transfers, as voted by the town, were listed from the town clerk's record of town meetings and were found to be correctly entered in the accountant's ledger. It was found that several appropriations had been overdrawn, which is a violation of Section 81, Chapter 44, General Laws, which reads as follows:

No department of any city or town, except Boston, shall incur liability in excess of the appropriation made for the use of such department, except in cases of extreme emergency involving the health or safety of persons or property, and then only by a vote in a city of two-thirds of the members of the city council, and in a town by a vote of two-thirds of the selectmen.

Attention is also called to section 16, Chapter 39, General Laws, dealing with the appointment of an advisory committee, which reads as follows:

Every town whose valuation for the purpose of apportioning the state tax exceeds one million dollars shall, and any other town may, by by-law provide for the appointment and duties of appropriation, advisory or finance committees, who shall consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the town; and such by-laws may provide that committees so appointed may continue in office for terms not exceeding three years from the date of appointment.

It was found that reimbursements for public welfare charges are added to the appropriation made for public welfare, expenditures being made therefrom, and that no appropriation is made for State Aid, as it is considered that the reimbursement for the previous year's expenditures is available for the current year's payments. This is contrary to

the provisions of Section 53, Chapter 44, General Laws, which reads as follows:

All moneys received by any town officer or department, except as otherwise provided by special acts and except fees provided for by statute, shall be paid by such officer or department upon their receipt into the town treasury. Any sums so paid into the town treasury shall not later be used by such officer or department without a specific appropriation thereof, except that sums allotted to towns for highway purposes by the commonwealth or a county, which shall be used only for the purposes specified by the officials making the allotment or to meet temporary loans issued in anticipation of such allotment as provided in sections six or six A, shall be available therefor without any appropriation.

It is recommended that the town make an appropriation for a reserve fund as provided for by Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws. Such an appropriation will assist in avoiding overdrafts of appropriations and will avoid the necessity of calling special town meetings late in the year.

In August, 1928, the school committee purchased a portable school, although no appropriation had been made for such a purpose; in fact, the town had, at a special meeting in June, specifically refused to appropriate money to buy a portable school. The records of the selectmen show that they refused to approve payment of the bill. On December 8 the school committee resigned, and the selectmen continued to refuse approval of the bill until an appropriation was voted at a special meeting on December 21, 1928. The action of the school committee was clearly a violation of Section 31, Chapter 44, previously quoted, and the selectmen are to be commended for their firm stand in the matter.

The accountant's ledger accounts were analyzed, a trial balance was taken off and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on May 30, 1929, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were compared with the records of the various departments, with the other sources from which money was paid to the town treasury, and with the accountant's record of cash receipts. The payments were checked with the accountant's records and with the selectmen's warrants. The bank account was reconciled with a statement furnished by the bank and the cash on hand was verified by an actual count.

It is recommended that the treasurer, when entering receipts from the collector, show in detail the amount received for taxes, moth assessments, and interest on taxes.

It was noted that it has been the custom of the treasurer to enter certain receipts of January and February of a given year as receipts of the preceding year, in which connection attention is called to Section 56, Chapter 44, General Laws, which reads as follows:

The financial year of all towns of the commonwealth shall end on December thirty-first, and the returns made to the director under section forty-three shall show the financial condition of the town at the close of business on that day; provided, that the treasurer shall, until January tenth, enter in his books all items for the payment of bills incurred and salaries and wages earned during the previous year, and expenditures therefor shall be deemed to be as of December thirty-first preceding.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The outstanding accounts of taxes and assessments as shown by the previous audit were checked and proved with the controlling ledger accounts. The warrants for the commitment of taxes and moth assessment for the years 1924 to 1928, inclusive, and also of the motor vehicle excise taxes of 1927 were proved. The collections were checked with the treasurer's record of receipts, the abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The outstanding accounts were further verified by sending notices to all persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to

the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

In several instances the commitment lists did not agree with the warrants committing the taxes and assessments for collection. For example, in 1925 the tax warrant exceeded the commitment list by \$3,900.66.

It was noted that the collector does not turn over his collections weekly as required by the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 60, General Laws, and that he does not make entries in his cash book or postings in the commitment book promptly.

It was found that it has been the practice of the collector to advance a sum sufficient to satisfy the respective levies at the expiration of two years from the date of commitment, but that he has not posted collections of taxes made after the settlement with the town, so that considerable time was required to verify the accounts. A complete record of all receipts should be entered promptly in the collector's cash books and posted to the commitment book.

The records of licenses issued by the selectmen were checked with the selectmen's record of licenses granted, the collections were compared with the treasurer's record of receipts, and the cash on hand was verified.

The receipts of the town clerk for hunting and fishing and for dog licenses were checked to the records of licenses issued, and the payments to the State and the county were verified. It is recommended that the town clerk keep town cash separate from personal funds.

The surety bonds of the treasurer and tax collector were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of receipts from the rental of the town hall were checked with the ledger record of charges. The collections were compared with the treasurer's record of receipts, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash on hand was verified.

The accounts of the sealer of weights and measures were examined and checked. The receipts were checked with the payments to the treasurer, and the cash on hand was verified.

The record of charges by the board of public welfare were examined and checked. The collections, as shown by the treasurer's record of receipts, were compared with the record of charges, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

In checking the library accounts it was found that the librarian pays over to the town treasurer the fines collected, but does not keep any record of receipts. It is therefore recommended that a book record of daily receipts be kept.

It was noted that the town departments are supplied with wood cut from the Hager Park owned by the town and are charged for fuel purchased. The amounts so charged to the departmental appropriations are considered as credits to the park account and are expended in part for park maintenance. Such an arrangement is contrary to the provisions of Section 53, Chapter 44, previously quoted. An appropriation should be voted for necessary park maintenance.

It was also found that the cemetery commissioners are receiving money for opening graves and for general care and repair of cemetery lots. These receipts are retained by them as remuneration for services rendered. All cemetery receipts should be turned over to the town treasurer, as required by Section 53, Chapter 44, General Laws, and payment for the commissioners' services should be made from the appropriation provided for the maintenance of cemeteries.

The securities representing the investment of the several trust funds were examined and listed. The income was proved and the disbursements, as recorded, were verified.

Appended to this report are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and assessment accounts, together with tables relative to the accounts of the town clerk, the sealer of weights and measures, the cemetery, town hall rentals, and of the other departmental accounts.

For the courtesy extended by the several department officials while engaged in making the audit I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON,

Chief Accountant.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1928:

General	\$14,001 91	
Celebration Committee	5 63	
		\$14,007 54

Receipts 1928:

Per cash book	131,802 93	
Omitted from cash book:		
Income Celebration Committee	20	
		131,803 13
		\$145,810 67

Payments 1928 per warrants

Duplicate entry of receipts:		
Income on Water Fund		33 75

Corrected balance Dec. 31, 1928:

General	13,262 13	
Celebration Committee	5 83	
		13,267 96
		<u>145,810 67</u>

Corrected balance Jan. 1, 1929:

General	13,262 13	
Celebration Committee	5 83	
		13,267 96

Receipts Jan. 1 to May 30, 1929:

Per cash book	24,170 69	
Error in entry-income on		
Water Fund	33 75	
		24,204 44
		37,472 40

Payments Jan. 1 to May 30, 1929

per warrants \$33,804 67

Balance May 30, 1929:

General \$3,661 90

Celebration Committee 5 83

3,667 73

\$37,472 40

Corrected balance May 30, 1929

3,667 73

Outstanding checks May 30, 1929

per list 1,682 73

Cash variation 1 61

5,352 07

Balance Gardner Trust Company

May 30, 1929:

Per statement 4,274 20

Savings book No. 9374 5 83

Cash in office May 30, 1929 (verified) 1,072 04

5,352 07

TAXES—1923

Outstanding June 1, 1924

per previous audit 2,252 01

Payment after abatement, adjusted 9 05

2,261 06

Payments to treasurer;

June 2 to Dec. 31, 1924 1,807 82

1925 365 19

Abatements:

June 2 to Dec. 31, 1924 88 05

2,261 06

TAXES—1924

Commitment per warrant 33 038 98

Additional commitment 17 00

33,055 98

Payments to treasurer:

1924	\$26,891 17	
1925	5,950 95	
		\$32,842 12

Abatements:

1924	161 97	
1925	8 88	
		165 85

Warrant in excess of commitment list	48 01	
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\$33,055 98

TAXES—1925

Commitment per warrant	45,823 47	
Additional commitment	58 05	
Overpayment to treasurer	1 30	
		45,882 82

Payments to treasurer:

1925	34,007 11	
1926	7,259 90	
		41,267 01

Abatements:

1925	575 05	
1926	138 80	
1927	1 05	
		714 90

Taxes reported as interest	25	
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Warrant in excess of commitment list	3,900 66	
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45,882 82

TAXES—1926

Commitment per warrant	47,773 05	
Additional commitment	26 77	
Commitment list in excess of warrant	14	

47,799 96

Payments to treasurer:

1926	\$38,100 44	
1927	9,535 22	
		\$47,635 66

Abatements:

1926	63 92	
1927	100 24	
		164 16

Cash variation Dec. 31, 1927 and May 30, 1929 14

\$47,799 96

TAXES—1927

Commitment per warrant	46,076 96	
Additional commitment	25 84	
		46,102 80

Payments to treasurer:

1927	35,982 42	
1928	9,779 27	
		45,761 69

Abatements:

1927	144 89	
1928	183 33	
		328 22

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1928 12 89

46,102 80

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1929 12 89

Adjustments:

Error in entering abatements	33 51	
Abatement included in tax title	2 60	

36 11

Cash variation 13 14

62 14

Transfer to tax titles 49 25

Outstanding May 30, 1929, per list 12 89

62 14

TAXES—1928

Commitment per warrant	\$44,210 70	
Additional commitment	21 50	
		\$44,232 20
Payments to treasurer	31,590 95	
Abatements	185 70	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1928	12,455 55	
		44,232 20
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1929	12,455 55	
Adjustments:		
Commitment list in excess of warrant	91 10	
Overpayment to collector	10	
Moth assessments 1928		
reported as taxes	6 20	
		97 40
Overpayments to treasurer	13 00	
		12,565 95
Payments to treasurer Jan. 1		
to May 30, 1929	5,252 00	
Adjustments:		
Abatement not reported to		
accountant	2 00	
Transfer to tax title	18 30	
		20 30
Outstanding May 30, 1929, per list	6,316 35	
Cash on hand May 30, 1929	977 30	
		12,565 95

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1929

Commitment Jan. 1 to May 30, 1929	2,267 96	
Abatement after payment, to be refunded	11 47	
		2,279 43
Payments to treasurer Jan. 1 to May 30, 1929	897 55	
Abatements Jan. 1 to May 30, 1929	141 79	

Outstanding May 30, 1929, per list	\$982 91	
Cash on hand May 30, 1929 (verified)	257 18	
		<u><u>\$2,279 43</u></u>

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1923

Outstanding June 1, 1924 per previous audit		60 78
Payments to treasurer:		
June 2 to Dec. 31, 1924	26 44	
1925	34 34	
		<u><u>60 78</u></u>

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1924

Commitment per warrant	1,059 66	
Overpayment to treasurer 1925	1 58	
		1,061 24
Payments to treasurer:		
1924	\$267 00	
1925	123 75	
	390 75	
Warrant in excess of commitment list	670 49	
		<u><u>1,061 24</u></u>

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1925

Commitment per warrant		907 20
Payments to treasurer:		
1925	133 30	
1926	79 35	
	212 65	
Abatements 1926	40	
Warrant in excess of commitment list	694 15	
		<u><u>907 20</u></u>

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1926

Commitment per warrant		165 80
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Payments to treasurer:

1926	\$98 05	
1927	67 75	
		<u>\$165 80</u>

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1927

Commitment per warrant	187 13	
Error in entry of abatements	1 25	
		188 38

Payments to treasurer:

1927	\$124 53	
1928	61 35	
	185 88	
Abatements, 1928	1 25	
Cash variation May 30, 1929	1 25	
		<u>188 38</u>

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1928

Commitment per warrant		202 20
Payments to treasurer	117 30	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1928	84 90	
		<u>202 20</u>
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1929		84 90
Payments to treasurer Jan. 1 to May 30, 1929	38 50	
Adjustments:		
Warrant in excess of commitment list	1 20	
Moth assessments reported as taxes		
1928	6 20	
	7 40	
Outstanding May 30, 1929, per list	33 00	
Cash on hand May 30, 1929	6 00	
		<u>84 90</u>

INTEREST ON TAXES

Collections Jan. 1, 1928 to May 30, 1929:

Levy of 1927	285 96
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Levy of 1928	\$143 89	
		\$429 85
Payments to treasurer:		
1928	313 82	
Jan. 1 to May 30, 1929	97 54	
Cash on hand May 30, 1929	18 49	
		<u>429 85</u>

SELECTMEN'S LICENSES AND PERMITS

Licenses issued in 1928:

Revolver	8 00	
Gasoline	15 00	
Junk	6 00	
Sunday	32 00	
Common victualler	28 00	
Used car	5 00	
Pasteurization	10 00	
		104 00

Payments to treasurer

104 00

Licenses issued Jan. 1 to May 30, 1929:

Revolver	1 00	
Gasoline	5 00	
Common victualler	6 00	
Sunday	8 00	
Junk	3 00	
Pasteurization	10 00	

From State:

Pedler's license	6 00	
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39 00

Payments to treasurer Jan. 1 to May 30, 1929	26 00	
Cash on hand May 30, 1929	13 00	

39 00

DOG LICENSES

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1928	11 00	
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Receipts 1928:

Males 163 at \$2.00	\$326 00
Spayed females 19 at 2.00	38 00
Females 27 at 5.00	135 00

\$499 00

\$510 00

Payments to county	462 60
Fees retained, 213 at 20c,	42 60
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1928	4 80

510 00

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1929	4 80
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Receipts Jan. 1 to June 15, 1929:

Males, 104 at \$2.00	208 00
Spayed females, 5 at 2.00	10 00
Females, 14 at 5.00	70 00

288 00

Overpayments to county	4 80
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297 60

Payments to county	265 80
Fees retained, 123 at 20c,	24 60
Cash on hand June 15, 1929	* 7 20

297 60

*In personal cash.

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Receipts 1928:

Resident sporting 116 at \$2.25	261 00
Resident trapping 9 at 2.25	20 25
Alien sporting 2 at 15.25	30 50
Non-resident sporting 1 at 5.25	5 25
Minor trappers' 18 at 75c	13 50
Duplicate licenses 3 at 50c	1 50

332 00

Payments to State	292 50
Overpayments to State 1927	2 00

Fees retained	\$37 50	
		<u>\$332 00</u>
Receipts Jan. 1 to June 15, 1929:		
Resident sporting 74 at 2.25	166 50	
Resident trapping 2 at 2.25	4 50	
Alien sporting 1 at 15.25	15 25	
Minor trappers' 6 at 75c	4 50	
		190 75
Payments to State Jan. 1 to June 15, 1929	156 00	
Fees retained	20 75	
Cash on hand June 15, 1929	* 14 00	
		<u>190 75</u>
* In personal cash.		

TOWN HALL RENTS
Elmer Walker, Custodian

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1928	1 00	
Charges 1928 per ledger	\$539 50	
Collections not entered on ledger	10 50	
	550 00	
		551 00
Payments to treasurer	543 00	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1928	8 00	
		<u>551 00</u>
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1929	8 00	
Charges Jan. 1 to March 31, 1929	209 50	
		217 50
Payments to treasurer Jan. 1 to May 30, 1929	150 00	
Outstanding May 30, 1929	59 50	
Cash variation	8 00	
		<u>217 50</u>
C. T. Miller, Custodian		
Outstanding April 1, 1929	59 50	
Charges April 1 to May 30, 1929	61 00	
		120 50

Payments to treasurer April 1 to May 30, 1929	\$47 00
Outstanding May 30, 1929, per list	67 50
Cash on hand May 30, 1929 (verified)	6 00

\$120 50

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

R. L. Frye, Sealer

Receipts 1928:

Sealing charges	25 23
Adjusting fees	2 75

27 98

Payments to treasurer	25 23
Fees retained	2 75

27 98

B. H. Chase, Sealer

Receipts Jan. 1 to May 30, 1929	21 40
Cash on hand May 30, 1929 (verified)	21 40

CEMETERIES

Elmer Walker, Commissioner

Charges 1928;

General care	356 50
Opening graves and burials	210 00

566 50

Collections retained

566 50

Windsor F. Neal, Commissioner

Charges 1928:

General care	34 25
Opening graves and burials	73 00

107 25

Collections retained

107 25

Charges Jan. 1 to May 30, 1929:

Opening graves and burials	47 00
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Collections Jan. 1 to May 30, 1929:

Retained	47 00
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FREDERICK W. SMITH POOR FUND

	Cash	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand beginning of 1928	\$969 73	\$32,069 50	\$1,950 00	\$34,989 23
On hand end of 1928	1,453 59	33,100 00	1,750 00	36,303 59
On hand May 30, 1929	1,821 60	33,100 00	1,700 00	36,621 60
Receipts	1928	Payments		
Withdrawn from sav. deposits	69 50	Dep. in savings bank		1,100 00
Pay't of principal on mort'ge	200 00	Transfer to town		1,972 38
Interest and income	2,596 76	Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1928		1,453 59
Transfer from town	689 98			
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1928	969 73			
	4,525 97			4,525 97

January 1 to May 30, 1929

Pay't of principal on mort'ge	50 00	Cash on hand May 30, 1929	1,821 60
Interest and income	318 01		
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1929	1,453 59		
	1,821 60		1,821 60

JOSEPH W. FORBUSH POOR FUND

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928		\$1,723 01	\$1,723 01
On hand at end of year 1928		1,908 72	1,908 72
On hand May 30, 1929		1,932 57	1,932 57
Receipts	1928	Payments	
Withdrawn from sav. deposits	3 49	Deposited in savings bank	189 20
Income	92 52	Transfer to town	96 01
Reimbursement for aid refunded	189 20		
	285 21		285 21

January 1 to May 30, 1929

Income	23 85	Added to savings deposits	23 85
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UPTON SCHOOL FUND

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928	\$6,959 38	\$4,200 00	\$11,159 38
On hand at the end of the year 1928	6,980 22	4,200 00	11,180 22
On hand May 30, 1929	7,261 53	4,200 00	11,461 53
Receipts	1928	Payments	
Sale of rights	324 70	Added to savings deposits	20 89
Interest and income	535 04	Transfer to town	838 85
	859 74		859 74

January 1 to May 30, 1929

Interest and income	281 31	Added to savings deposits	281 31
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JOSEPH HAGER SCHOOL FUND

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928	\$10,422 72	\$4,000 00	\$14,422 72
On hand at end of year 1928	10,805 30	3,500 00	14,305 30
On hand May 30, 1929	10,968 65	3,500 00	14,468 65
Receipts	1928	Payments	
Withdrawn from sav. dep'ts	117 42	Dep. in savings bank	500 00
Sale of securities	500 00	Transfer to town	750 00
Interest and income	632 58		
	1,250 00		1,250 00

January 1 to May 30, 1929

Interest and income	163 35	Added to savings deposits	163 35
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ELLIS SCHOOL FUND

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928	\$530 52	\$500 00	\$1,030 52
On hand at end of year 1928	554 78	500 00	1,054 78

On hand May 30, 1929	554 78	500 00	1,054 78
Receipts	1928	Payments	
Income	24 26	Added to savings deposits	24 26

TOWN LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928	\$1,800 00	\$1,800 00
On hand at end of year 1928	1,800 00	1,800 00
On hand May 30, 1929	1,800 00	1,800 00
Receipts	1928	Payments
Income	81 00	Transfer to town
		81 00
January 1 to May 30, 1929		
Income	20 25	Transfer to town
		20 25

M. A. FARNSWORTH LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928	\$525 00	\$525 00
On hand at end of year 1928	525 00	525 00
On hand May 30, 1929	525 00	525 00
Receipts	1928	Payments
Income	26 26	Transfer to town
		26 26

C. A. FORBUSH LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928	\$500 00	\$500 00
On hand at end of year 1928	500 00	500 00
On hand May 30, 1929	500 00	500 00
Receipts	1928	Payments
Income	25 00	Transfer to town
		25 00

J. W. FORBUSH LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00
On hand at end of year 1928	1,000 00	1,000 00
On hand May 30, 1929	1,000 00	1,000 00
	Receipts 1928	Payments
Income	50 00	Transfer to town 50 00

A. R. HAGER LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928	\$600 00	\$600 00
On hand at end of year 1928	600 00	600 00
On hand May 30, 1929	600 00	600 00
	Receipts 1928	Payments
Income	30 00	Transfer to town 30 00

MANSON D. HAWS LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00
On hand at end of year 1928	1,000 00	1,000 00
On hand May 30, 1929	1,000 00	1,000 00
	Receipts 1928	Payments
Income	50 00	Transfer to town 50 00

January 1 May 30, 1929

Income	25 00	Transfer to town 25 00
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PRESTON P. ELLIS LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928	\$500 00	\$500 00	\$1,000 00
On hand at end of year 1928	500 00	500 00	1,000 00
On hand May 30, 1929	500 00	500 00	1,000 00

	Receipts	1928	Payments	
Income		22 51	Transfer to town	22 51
		January 1 to May 30, 1929		
Income		11 25	Transfer to town	11 25

LUCY J. CHILDS LIBRARY FUND

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928		\$150 00	\$150 00
On hand at end of year 1928		150 00	150 00
On hand May 30, 1929		150 00	150 00
	Receipts	1928	Payments
Income		6 76	Transfer to town
			6 76
		January 1 to May 30, 1929	
Income		1 69	Transfer to town
			1 69

FREDERICK S. WHITMAN LIBRARY FUND

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928		\$300 00	\$300 00
On hand at end of year 1928		300 00	300 00
On hand May 30, 1929		300 00	300 00
	Receipts	1928	Payments
Income		15 00	Transfer to town
			15 00

GEORGE A. MILLER LIBRARY FUND

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928			
On hand at end of year 1928		\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00
On hand May 30, 1929		1,901 16	1,901 16
	Receipts	1928	Payments
Bequests		1,500 00	Dep'd in savings bank
			1,500 00

January 1 to May 30, 1929

Bequest	401 16	Dep'd in savings bank	401 16
Income	81 25	Transfer to town	81 25
	432 41		432 41

M. A. CREED CEMETERY WALL FUND

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928	\$137 35	\$1,000 00	\$1,137 35
On hand at end of year 1928	177 42	1,000 00	1,177 42
On hand May 30, 1929	200 60	1,000 00	1,200 60
Receipts	1928	Payments	
Income	49 07	Added to savings deposits	40 07
		Transfer to town	9 00
	49 07		49 07

January 1 to May 30, 1929

Income	23 18	Added to savings deposits	23 18
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CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Savings Deposits	Total	
On hand at beginning of year 1928	\$13,107 05	\$13,107 05	
On hand at end of year 1928	14,359 85	14,359 85	
On hand May 30, 1929	14,401 90	14,401 90	
Receipts	1928	Payments	
Bequests	1,075 00	Added to savings deposits	177 80
Income	643 45	Dep'd in savings banks	1,075 00
		Transfer to town	465 65
	1,718 45		1,718 45

January 1 to May 30, 1929

Bequests	40 16	Added to savings deposits	42 05
Income	1 89		
	42 05		42 05

WATER INVESTMENT FUND

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928	\$9,500 00	\$5,500 00	\$15,000 00
On hand at end of year 1928	15,000 00	————	15,000 00
On hand May 30, 1929	15,000 00	————	15,000 00

Receipts	1928	Payments	
Sale of securities	5,500 00	Dep'd in savings bank	5,500 00
Interest and income	743 73	Transfer to town	743 73
	6,243 73		6,243 73

January 1 to May 30, 1929

Interest and income	138 12	Transfer to town	138 12
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Town of Westminster. Balance Sheet, May 30, 1929. General Accounts.

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash: General	\$3,661 90	Temporary Loans:	\$15,000 00
Celebration Committee	5 88	In Anticipation of Revenue	
Library Cash Advance	10 00	Overpayments:	\$1 30
Accounts Receivable:		Taxes of 1925	25
Taxes: Levy of 1928	7,280 65	Taxes of 1927	1 58
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1929	1,228 62	Moth Assessments 1924	3 13
Special Assessments:		Unexpended Appropriation Balances	46,094 15
Moth: Levy of 1927	1 25	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	1,402 06
Levy of 1928	39 00	Overlay—Reserved for Abatements:	
		Levy of 1927	12 89
		Levy of 1928	1,803 65
Tax Titles			1,816 54
Departmental:		Revenue Reserved until Collected:	
State Aid	144 00	Motor Vehicle Excise	1,228 62
State Aid to Highways 1929	7,700 00	Special Assessments	40 25
Revenue 1929	53,839 88	Tax Titles	47 65
Less Esti'd Receipts Collected 6,962 47	46,877 41	Departmental	144 00
Overdrawn Accounts:		Surplus Revenue	2,382 12
Highways—Colony Road	61 47		
Hager Park Trustees	289 73		
Trust Fund Income (to be reimb'd from funds):			
Smith Poor Fund	667 07		
Forbush Poor Fund	15 50		
Upton School Fund	51 80		
Ellis School Fund	26 67		
	1,112 24		
	<u>\$68,108 55</u>		

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

\$2,600 00

Tractor Loan

\$2,600 00

Trust and Investment Funds:
Cash and Securities

\$104,917 79

Trust and Investment Account.

F. W. Smith Poor Fund \$36,621 60
J. W. Forbush Poor Fund 1,932 57
Upton School Fund 11,461 53
Joseph Hager School Fund 14,468 65
Preston P. Ellis School Fund 1,054 78
Town Library Fund 1,800 00
M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund 525 00
C. A. Forbush Library Fund 500 00
A. R. Hager Library Fund 500 00
M. D. Haws Library Fund 1,000 00
J. W. Forbush Library Fund 1,000 00
Preston P. Ellis Library Fund 1,000 00
Lucy J. Childs Library Fund 150 00
Frederick S. Whitman Library Fund 300 00
George A. Miller Library Fund 1,901 16
M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund 1,200 60
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds 14,401 90
Wyman Water Investment Fund 15,000 00

\$104,917 79

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REPORT OF HIGHWAYS

Under Chapter 81.

January 1, 1930.

Board of Selectmen,
Westminster, Mass.
Gentlemen:

REPORT OF WORK DONE ON WESTMINSTER ROADS DURING THE YEAR 1929—UNDER CHAPTER 81.

Work began March 25, 1929.

1—Ellis Road:

Dragged and scraped once. Cut and burned brush. Covered
1,000 ft. with gravel.

2—Carter Road:

Dragged and scraped once. Cut and burned brush.

3—Frog Hollow Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Patched with gravel.

4—Knower Road:

Scraped. Dragged twice. Cleaned one culvert. Cut and burned
brush. Covered 250 ft. with gravel.

5—Cross Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush.

6—Minott Road:

Scraped. Dragged twice. Cut and burned brush Covered 1,000 ft. with gravel.

7—Minott Place:

Dragged. Scraped. Cut and burned brush.

8—Newton Road:

Scraped. Dragged. Cut and burned brush.

9—Harrington Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Stone filled 1,200 ft. Covered 1,300 ft. with gravel. Cleaned two culverts.

10—Foster Road:

Scraped. Cleaned two culverts. Cut and burned brush.

11—Hubbardston Road:

Scraped. Dragged three times. Patched twice with K. P. Cut and burned brush. Covered 1,200 ft. with gravel. Laid 1—36-in. concrete pipe 28 ft. long.

12—Princeton or Park Road:

Patched twice with K. P.

13—Worcester Road:

Patched eight times with K. P. Cleaned culverts. Cut and burned brush. Covered with tar the entire length.

14—Town Farm Road:

Bridge repaired. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 200 ft. with gravel.

15—Howard Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 100 ft. with gravel.

16—Batherick Road :

Scraped. Blasted rocks. Cut and burned brush.

17—Depot Road :

Scraped and dragged once. Removed stone. Cut and burned brush. Cleaned ditch. Covered 200 ft. with gravel.

18—Curtis Road :

Dragged and scraped once. Cut and burned brush.

19—Old Fitchburg or Ramo Road :

Cut and burned brush. Covered 100 ft. with gravel.

20—Old Turnpike or 5th. Mass. Turnpike :

Scraped. Blasted rocks. Cut and burned brush. Covered 100 ft. with gravel.

21—Bean Hill :

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Stone fill 250 ft. Covered 600 ft. with gravel. Cleaned three culverts.

22—Potato Hill :

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 100 ft. with gravel.

23—Page Road :

Scraped. Cut and burned brush.

24—Old Ashburnham Turnpike :

Cut and burned brush.

25—Roper Road :

No work reported.

26—Dawley Road :

Scraped. Dragged twice. Cut and burned brush.

27—Ray Road :

Scraped.

28—Academy Hill:

Scraped. Patched with K. P. Shoulders dragged.

29—West Princeton Road:

Scraped. Dragged. Cleaned three culverts. Cut and burned brush. Covered 1,000 ft. with gravel. Stone fill 100 ft.

30—Fitchburg Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 350 ft. with gravel.

31—Davis Road:

Dragged twice. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 150 ft. with gravel. Cleaned two culverts.

32—Lanes:

Scraped. Dragged. Cleaned culvert. Cut and burned brush.

33—Bolton Road:

Cleaned two culverts. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 200 ft. with gravel.

34—East Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Blasted rocks. Cut and burned brush. Covered 150 ft. with gravel.

35—Gate House Road:

Scraped. Dragged. Cut and burned brush.

36—Cody Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush.

37—Notown Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Cut and burned brush.

38—Nichols Road:

Patched three times with K. P. Covered 50 ft. with gravel. Cut and burned brush.

39—Stone Hill Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Cut and burned brush.

40—Newcomb Road:

Scraped. Blasted rocks. Cut and burned brush. Covered 50 ft. with gravel.

41—Battles Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 50 ft. with gravel.

42—Marshall Hill Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 60 ft. with gravel.

43—Leominster or East Main Street:

Patched with K. P. eight times. Cut and burned brush. Shoulders dragged. Cleaned one culvert. Oiled entire length.

44—Hanks Hill Road:

Scraped.

45—Round Meadow Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush.

46—West Main Street:

Dragged three times. Cut and burned brush. Covered 100 ft. with gravel.

47—State Colony Road:

Dragged four times. Cut and burned brush.

48—Shady Avenue:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 300 ft. with gravel.

49—Sargent Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 250 ft. with gravel.

50—Beech Hill Road :

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 50 ft. with gravel.

51—Adams Road :

No work reported.

52—Pleasant Street :

Patched with K. P.

53—Elliot Road :

Covered 350 ft. with gravel.

54—Overlook Road :

Dragged. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 50 ft. with gravel.

55—Bacon Road :

Patched three times with K. P. Cut and burned brush.

56—Brooks Avenue :

No work reported.

57—North Common Road :

Laid two culverts and cleaned out two culverts. Cut and burned brush. Dragged. Scraped. Stone filled 25 ft. Covered 4,224 ft with gravel.

58—East Gardner Road :

Scraped. Cut and burned brush.

59—Morseman Road :

Dragged. Cut and burned brush. Scraped.

60—Bragg Hill Road :

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Cleaned six culverts. Covered 100 ft. with gravel.

61—South Ashburnham Road :

Dragged twice. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 500 ft. with gravel. Cleaned one culvert.

62—Needham Road :

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Set Town Line post.

63—Barrel Road :

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Blasted rocks.

64—Newton Road :

No work reported.

65—Dean Hill Road :

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 300 ft. with gravel.

66—Fred Smith Road :

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 200 ft. with gravel.

67—Old Ashburnham Road :

Scraped. Cut and burned brush.

68—Dean Hill Cross Road :

Scraped. Cut and burned brush.

SUMMARY.

Covered 15,274 ft. with gravel.

Stone filled 3,100 feet.

Scraped 67 miles of road.

Cut brush on nearly every road.

Applied 15,869 gallons of oil.

Applied 13,181 gallons of tar.

Cleaned and re-laid 29 stone culverts.

Two Town line sign posts set.

TOOLS

on hand in the Town of WESTMINSTER December 1, 1929.

Name	Number
Axes	1
Brush Cutters	1
Chain, 2— $\frac{1}{4}$ in., 1— $\frac{7}{16}$ in.,	3
Iron bars	5
Forks	2
Spoon shovels	2
Striking hammers	1
Oil cans	1
Stone hammers	8
Derrick	1
Drills	4
Lanterns	4
Mattocks	1
Drag Scraper	1
Oliver Rooter Plow	1
Wiard Rooter Plow	1
Gravel Screen	1
Pulley Blocks and rope (1 set)	1
Rakes, iron	5
Road Drags, Minn.	2
Road Machines, A. Champion	1
Road Machine Blades	1
Scythes, brush	5
Snathes	5
Sewer Pump	1
Shovels, short rd.	13
Shovels, short sq.	1
Tool boxes	1
Crusher bins, elevators	1
Beaver Gasolene Engine	1
Stone Lifter	1

AMOUNTS EXPENDED ON ROADS IN TOWN OF WESTMINSTER
IN 1929—UNDER CHAPTER 81.

Road	Amount
1 Ellis	\$480 99
2 Carter	53 23
3 Frog Hollow	55 45
4 Knower	357 40
5 Cross	10 09
6 Minott	278 72
7 Minott Place	14 83
8 Newton	11 30
9 Harrington	316 50
10 Foster	46 95
11 Hubbardston	811 21
12 Princeton or Park	73 60
13 Worcester	686 18
14 Town Farm	188 39
15 Howard	32 92
16 Batherick	57 16
17 Depot	127 75
18 Curtis	10 50
19 Old Fitchburg or Raymo	33 37
20 Old Fifth Turnpike	169 63
21 Bean Hill	272 89
22 Potato Hill	93 06
23 Page	6 60
24 Old Ashburnham Turnpike	45 24
25 Roper	
26 Dawley	32 95
27 Ray	5 38
28 Academy Hill	114 73
29 West Princeton	498 96
30 Fitchburg	177 83
31 Davis	322 25
32 Lanes	94 75

Name	Number
33 Bolton	\$239 48
34 East	172 44
35 Gate House	29 44
36 Cody	16 96
37 No Town	57 10
38 Nichols	69 22
39 Stone Hill	28 94
40 Newcomb	41 35
41 Battles	72 49
42 Marshall Hill	45 69
43 Leominster or East Main	810 40
44 Hanks Hill	8 77
45 Round Meadow	30 18
46 West Main	62 89
47 State Colony	82 77
48 Shady Avenue	133 85
49 Sargent	245 20
50 Beech Hill	57 33
51 Adams	
52 Pleasant	42 26
53 Elliott	146 15
54 Overlook	76 99
55 Bacon	164 94
56 Brook Avenue	
57 North Common	160 55
58 East Gardner	12 00
59 Morseman	25 02
60 Bragg Hill	81 45
61 South Ashburnham	607 51
62 Needham	15 80
63 Barrell	106 64
64 Newton	21 35
65 Dean Hill	249 57
66 Fred Smith	154 55
67 Old Ashburnham	14 20
68 Dean Hill Cross Roads	16 37

Road oil			\$1,067 53
Repairing grating			2 00
Gas and oil			83 72
Sand and gravel			321 90
K. P. Patching Tar			225 00
Machinery			30 61
Machinery repairs			69 77
Culverts			261 30
Tools			79 45
Tool repairs			41 90
Lumber			44 28
Coal			18 42
Kerosene			95
Blasting supplies			6 40
Express			5 34
Town Line posts			36 00
Miscellaneous			4 98
			\$11,825 11
Bragg Hill	(Special)		145 20
Bean Hill	,,		276 00
North Common	,,		987 15
Harrington Road	,,		1,664 15
			\$14,847 61
Total Payrolls	\$12,532 26	Town Allotment	\$3,850 00
Total Materials	2,315 35	State Allotment	7,700 00
			\$14,847 61
Balance of		Extra by Town	230 00
Allotment	82 39	Bragg Hill	150 00

	-----	North Common	\$1,000 00
Total	\$14,930 00	Harrington Road	2,000 00

Total			\$14,930 00

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. VESPER,

Senior Civil Engineer.

Chapter 81 Assistant.

Approved,

J. A. JOHNSTON,
District Engineer.

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners.

The usual cleaning up of grounds at different cemeteries, mowing grass and other work has been done during the year 1929.

Drives and walks have been repaired.

W. F. NEAL,

FRANK S. PARKS,

ELMER WALKER,

Cemetery Commissioners.

Report of the Charlton Home Farm Association.

For the Year ending December 31, 1929.

RECEIPTS.

Inmates' Board	\$9,460 91
Milk, etc., to Dec. 1	1,985 84
Fire Damage, B. & A. R. R.	150 00
Stock, etc.	448 93
Interest	12 46
Refund from Warden	150 00
Balance, 1928	2,625 32

\$14,833 46

EXPENDITURES.

H. D. Sargent and Wife	\$1,800 00
Help, inside and out	1,300 97
General Repairs	234 93
Smoking room and porch	673 59
Rodding buildings	475 00
Stock	690 00
Auto truck	700 00
Coal	463 60
Grain	2,020 70
Fertilizer	249 12

Insurance	\$75 40
Meat and Provisions	1,103 21
Groceries	1,041 91
Tobacco	214 00
Medical attendance	38 52
Telephone	56 75
Electricity	98 31
Gasoline and Oil	156 10
Supplies	899 49
Clothing	95 68
Miscellaneous	1,317 68
	\$13,704 91
Balance in favor of Association	1,128 55

There were inmates from Auburn, Ashburnham, Charlton, West Boylston, West Brookfield, East Brookfield, Brookfield, Sterling, Leicesters, Paxton, Rutland, Millbury, Warren, Westminster, Hardwick and Holden.

There were none from Hubbardston, Holland, Oakham, Princeton, Berlin, New Braintree, Dana and Boylston.

The inventory taken Dec. 31, 1929 showed an increase of Personal Property of \$1,815.10 over 1928.

Respectfully submitted,

H. N. SHEPARD, President.

LOUIS M. HANFF, Sec'y and Treas.

Charlton, Mass., Jan. 1, 1930.

AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR 1929.

I have audited the bills of the officers of the Association who have received and expended money during the year ending December 31, 1929 and all bills have been correct, and checks signed by the President and Treasurer.

EDWARD E. LAMB,

Auditor.

REPORT OF CONSTABLE.

To the Selectmen:—

The following is a report of the Constable for year Jan. 1, 1929 to December 31, 1929.

During this period I have investigated:

85 criminal complaints
35 automobile accidents
4 stolen automobiles
Served 13 summons and 2 warrants
Attended court 15 days

I have arrested and summonsed 21 persons on the following charges:

Drunkenness 9
Operating under influence 4
Operating with no license 1
Unlicensed dogs 2
Dog not properly marked 1
Disturbing peace 1
Assault and battery 1
Trespassing on railroad 1
Speeding 1
Operating to endanger 1
Vagrant 1
Violation probation 1
Watered milk 1
Arson 1

Of those arrested and summonsed 13 paid fines to amount of \$600. 2 appealed fines of 200. 1 sentenced 3 months, 1 filed, 1 discharged, 1 turned over to New York police, 1 turned over to Worcester police, 1 turned over to Brockton police.

I also served warrants for Annual Meeting, three Special Meetings, Tax Warrants, Dog Warrant, attended 27 dances at Holmes Park, 10 dances at Town Hall. One auto reported stolen recovered.

HAROLD A. TOWLE,
Constable.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Fifty-three persons have been aided during the year; three at Charlton Home Farm, two in hospitals and the rest in their own homes or home of friends or relatives.

This town has been represented at all the quarterly meetings of the Home Farm Association. The farm is in a very prosperous condition. The stock and land much improved under the management of Howard Sargent. Conditions in the house are very satisfactory, and much canning of fruit and vegetables was done by Mrs. Sargent.

Mr. H. N. Shepard of Warren again served as President this year.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS W. FRENCH, Chairman,
CYRUS T. MILLER,
MAUD I. MILLER, Clerk,
Board of Public Welfare.

Report of Committee for Care of World War Memorial.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1929.

Appropriation	\$75 00	
Expended	73 33	
Balance unexpended		\$1 67

For details see Report of Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE T. DAWLEY,
IDA E. MERRIAM,
M. NELLIE MILLER,
Committee.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Westminster, Mass., Jan. 1, 1930.

Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby have the honor to submit for your approval our second and the eleventh annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1929.

This year there have been more fires than for any other year for sometime. This condition is true, not only in Westminster, but throughout the country at large.

FIRE RECORD.

This year we have answered thirty-eight alarms which are classed as follows—Buildings—5, Chimneys—13, Brush—15, Automobile—1, Gas Truck—1, False—3. We were called out of town once to render assistance to Princeton.

The causes of the Building fires were: Two from lightning, two from carelessness, and one from chimney.

Our largest fire was at the Seretto place where a large barn and contents were destroyed.

In extinguishing these fires we have laid 6,850 feet of 2½ inch hose, 225 feet 1 inch. Used 67 charges of hand chemicals or 201 gallons, and 5 booster tanks or 175 gallons, raised 506 feet of ladders, spent 137½ hours and traveled 226 miles.

HOSE.—There is in service 1,800 feet of 2½ inch rubber lined double jacket hose which is in good condition, nevertheless we shall probably be forced to buy 200 feet more this year.

APPARATUS.—One Ford Howe Pumper which has, as you know, been in service eleven years. Since the purchase of this piece of apparatus there has been many improvements in pumps for small towns, and if you do not see fit to purchase a more modern piece we shall be forced to spend considerable money on this pump. The engine should be completely overhauled and also the pump. Undoubtedly there would be many parts to be replaced. These would cost a considerable amount of money and you would still have an out-of-date piece of apparatus.

We are forced to pump water many times a great distance. This pump should not be forced to pump through more than 1,000 feet of hose yet this year in only one case have we laid less than 1,400 feet and in three cases 1,800 feet.

One heavy duty Reo hose truck, which carries besides hose, 118 feet of ladders, chemicals, and other equipment. This machine we believe to be in good condition.

BOOSTER TANK.—Last year we recommended a Booster type tank for the Reo truck. After obtaining prices on same and on the advice of the salesman, we decided not to do any more about it. We felt that the cost would be too great and the money should be spent for the purchase of a larger pumper.

REPAIRS.—As we told you last year there must be quite a lot of repair work done on the fire station. This work we have taken care of which involved quite a sum of money. The building was painted, new windows were put in to take the place of those beyond repair, also new paper was put on the rear of the building and new clapboards were put on where needed.

We believe that this work has been sadly neglected in the past and we felt that in justice to the town it should be taken care of at once. We were forced to replace the tank on the Ford Howe. This tank has been of no use to you since the purchase of the machine. Therefore we spent approximately sixty dollars to replace a tank which should have never been accepted.

This year we found it necessary to clean out the water-basin on the State road. This basin should be taken care of by the Board of Selectmen as was the agreement with the McAllister estate. As there was no action taken by them and we believing this basin to be a necessity, felt obliged to clean it out. This was an added expense which we were led to believe was to be taken care of from the general fund and not from Fire Department appropriations.

As last year many of our fires were chimneys we recommend that more care be shown in regard to conditions you allow your chimneys to get in. We suggest that those chimneys not having clean-outs in the cellar be so fixed as soon as convenient.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend the immediate purchase of a 500 gallon pumper to replace the Ford Howe which we believe to be out-of-date, and that the Ford be used for a brush fire truck.

We recommend that the fire station at Whitmanville be sold as it is in need of repairs and as we have no use for same we do not feel that we should spend any money on it.

We recommend that hand engine at Whitmanville be sold. We recommend that steps be taken to secure water in the fire station at the center. There is no water to be had for filling of extinguishers, washing apparatus, or for heater, without carrying it from some nearby dwelling. Also, the State law requires a toilet in all buildings maintained for clubs or public. Therefore if some State Inspector should close that building do not feel that it was closed by the Board of Engineers.

In conclusion we wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Town Accountant for their assistance and to all citizens who in any way assisted our department, also to all officers and members of the department we wish to return our thanks for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

F. S. SMITH,
H. L. ROWE,
R. I. STOCKWELL.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

School Committee.

Arno E. Hurd, Chairman

Term expires 1930

Mrs. Frances Merriam, Secretary

Term expires 1932

Ernest M. Vieweg

Term expires 1931

Superintendent of Schools, H. L. Ballou, Sterling, Mass.

Tel. 78 Sterling.

School Physician, George A. Mossman, M. D.

Gardner, Mass.

School Nurse, Helen McKowen, R. N., Gardner, Mass.

Supervisor of Drawing, Claire Comtois, Worcester.

Supervisor of Music, Priscilla Thurston, Leominster, Mass.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Winter term: All schools, 12 weeks, December 31 to March 21.

Spring term: All schools, 12 weeks. March 31 to June 20.

Fall term: All schools, 16 weeks, September 2 to December 19.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils not absent or tardy during school year of 1928—29.

Upton School—Grade IV,.

Anita Husari

Grade V,

David Lindquist

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Every year brings with it new problems in the working out of details to accomplish similar results, with the idea of better service or less expense.

While a school census is taken every year to try to plan the needs for the next, the moving into or away from the town makes almost any plan a matter of guesswork.

One, if not the greatest cause of the increased cost of education in recent years is the transportation and insurance cost, both of which were unknown only a few years ago, but amounted to \$8,421 last year, with the prospect of some increase this year, but the use of our district schoolhouses would relieve it little if any, as most of it is for scholars in the upper grades, and cost of teachers would more than use the balance, not to mention the much greater advantage to the children, of the larger school and a teacher for each grade.

While the portable building has made it possible to give the grades better attention, it is proving less and less satisfactory as it is too unsubstantial to stand the winds of its exposed position and nearly impossible to keep comfortable enough for proper work on a cold windy day, and it is only a matter of a short time when some other provision for quarters will have to be made.

With this in mind, your committee has investigated with architects and the State Board, trying to map out a plan that will meet the case and the State requirements at as little expense as possible, which will not be small in any case.

We do not wish to force anything upon the town and would be glad to have some other or additional committee attend to its fulfillment as soon as possible so as to keep our schools up to the high standard that the fact that so many of our scholars are on honor rolls at Fitchburg and Gardner, shows we have maintained in years past.

The shortage of water the past season hit the school in common with many others in the country, and it was thought best to install a drilled well at the center, the expense of which was much more than anticipated, as the depth we had to go required a different and larger pumping outfit but the saving of the present water bill will materially help pay for it in a few years.

Under the special appropriation for district schools we have had the lighting and toilet arrangements at the Narrows changed and improved to meet State requirements, added light at Whitmanville, shingled both sides of roof at Depot and one each at Whitmanville and Narrows, pointed underpinning, refinished ceilings and walls in all three, provided a set of library books for their use, also added some other needed equipment.

We were fortunate in retaining most of our teachers the past year, and the new ones secured, have proved very satisfactory and we would heartily recommend that parents especially visit the schools whenever they can and see for themselves what is being done and how.

A. E. HURD,

E. M. VIEWEG,

E. FRANCES MERRIAM,

School Committee.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

To the School Committee of the Town of Westminster:

This is my second annual report and the fortieth in the series of Superintendent's reports.

We have been fortunate this past year in that the teaching personnel in the Upton group has remained nearly the same; Miss Antila having been added to the faculty. In the rural schools we have some very capable teachers. When the Lake School was closed last September on account of lack of pupils, Miss Estabrook was transferred to the Narrows. There are now but two teachers in town who have not had teaching experience previous to this year. It is very gratifying to your Superintendent and should be to the community that teachers are willing to remain in our small system over a period of years.

It is my belief that the plan of sending out the Senior High pupils should be continued. Our educational facilities in Westminster for these pupils would be at best but limited, and the position of many of them on the honor rolls in Gardner and Fitchburg indicates that we are doing well to concentrate our efforts on their Junior High training.

The sixth grade is now being transported from all the rural schools to the Center. This arrangement seems to be a good one, since it gives the children a broader outlook and it relieves the rural teacher of the burden of teaching six grades in a single room. I would advocate the transportation also of the pupils now attending the Depot School to the Center. I believe that they could be readily absorbed in the grades there and the overhead costs of one school eliminated.

There seems to be a somewhat popular misconception of the cost of the schools to the Town of Westminster. Chapter 70 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deals with School Funds and other State Aid for Schools. Under State Laws, and mainly under this chapter, the Commonwealth has reimbursed Westminster this past year in the following sums:

Superintendent's salary and expense	\$773.38	
(net cost to town \$465.)		
Part 1, so-called	3,295.00	
Part 2	4,496.08	
High School Tuition	2,181.43	
High School Transportation	2,767.35	
Total,		\$13,513.19

In other words, 39.3% of the total cost of the schools of Westminster was paid by the Commonwealth. Out of the total appropriation of \$84,400., only \$20,886.81 is contributed by the town.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. BALLOU,

Superintendent.

SCHOOL NURSE.

To the School Committee,
Westminster, Mass.

I herewith submit my report, as school nurse, from January 1, 1929 to December 31, 1929. Two days of each school week were spent in the schools or working among the school children.

Home visits	157
Treatments at school	273
Children examined at school	265
Children weighed and measured at school	395
Tonsil operations	4
Glasses obtained	3
Teeth defects corrected	130
Notices sent home	179
Children taken to School Doctor for treatment	4
Children showing symptoms of contagious disease, sent home from school	5
To the clinic at the Burbank Hospital with patients for advise or treatment	7 times

The Dental Clinic, held at the Town Hall, during the month of January 1929, was sponsored by the Westminster Red Cross. At this time 212 children were examined and 110 had their mouths put in good condition.

During June a survey of crippled children was made and reported to the Cripples' Home at Canton.

Through the Public Welfare Department we were able to obtain a much needed operation and treatments at the Burbank Hospital for one child.

Through the returns of the seal stamp sale we were able to send one child to the Ashburnham Health Camp during July. A month at the camp always proves a great benefit to the children who are fortunate enough to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN T. MCKOWEN, R. N.

Princeton—Westminster—Sterling Annual Prize Speaking Contest, May 3rd, 1929.

PROGRAM

Songs (Selected)

- | | | |
|----|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. | The Little Black Eyed Rebel | Will Carlton |
| | Pauline Buck | |
| 2 | Joam Decosta | Verne |
| | Edna Mackey | |
| 3 | The Ballad of the Harp Weaver | Millay |
| | Lilla Whitcomb | |

Songs (Selected)

- | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|---------|
| 4 | The Black Horse and his Rider | Lippert |
| | Preston Baker | |
| 5 | Son | Service |
| | Doris Ikalainen | |
| 6 | The Highwayman | Noyes |
| | Weare Lunt | |

Songs (Selected)

- | | | |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|
| 7 | Michael Strogoff | Verne |
| | Joseph Mitchell | |
| 8 | In Flanders Fields | McCrea |
| | Thomas Lancian | |
| 9 | Old Man and Jim | James Whitcomb Riley |
| | Helen Laukkanen | |

Sixth Contest. 1st. prize, boys, \$10. 1st. prize, girls, \$10.
2nd. prize, boys, \$5. 2nd. prize, girls, \$5.

JUDGES.

Mr. Sturtevant, Supt. Shrewsbury, Boylston and West Boylston
Rev. Mr. Hubbard, Hubbardston
Rev. Mr. McCullough, Greenfield

Prize Speaking Contest, Jr. High School.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1929.

PROGRAM.

Songs (Selected)

Junior High School Chorus

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The Ride of Jennie M'Neal | Will Carleton |
| Marjorie Whitney | |
| 2. The Assault Heroic | Robert Graves |
| Bruce Shannon | |
| 3. Mr. Caudle Has Lent the Umbrella | Douglas Jerrold |
| Lilly Kempf | |
| 4. Fleurette | Robert W. Service |
| Leo Walker | |

Songs (Selected)

Junior High School Chorus

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5. The Harp Weaver | Edna St. Vincent Millay |
| Hazel Stevenson | |
| 6. The Black Horse and His Rider | |
| Preston Baker | |
| 7. The Name of Old Glory | James Whitcomb Riley |
| Adele Husari | |
| 8. When Old Men are Boys | Oliver Wendell Holmes |
| George Maki | |

Songs (Selected)

Boys, Grades 4 and 5

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 9. Joam Decosta | Jules Verne |
| Edna Mackey | |
| 10. The Night Before Waterloo | Lord Byron |
| Veikko Hirvela | |
| 11. The Little Fireman | Anonymous |
| Aili Hill | |
| 12. Old Man and Jim | James Whitcomb Riley |
| Helen Laukkanen | |

Intermission Selection Anita Husari, Grade 5

Judges' Decision and Presentation of Prizes Closing Song—America

JUDGES. Mr. Lynch, Fitchburg Jr. High School, Mr. Dooling,
Fitchburg Jr. High School, Miss Alice M. Lane,
Head Eng. Dept. Leominster Jr. High School

ENROLMENT—WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS—OCT. 1, 1929.

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TEACHERS.

Name.	High School.	Norm. School or College.	Teaching Experience
Maurice P. Billings	Southwest Harbor, Me. 1922	University of Maine 1922-26 Sum. '27, '28, '29.	Westminster, 1927
Virginia Call	Lewiston 1923 Mary A. Burnham Sch. for Girls, '24	Tufts 1928, 4 yrs. Middlebury Sum. '29	Westminster, 1928
Beatrice Brown	B. M. C. Durfee Fall River '24	Wheaton 1928, 4 yrs.	Westminster, 1928
Catherine Sullivan	Fitchburg 1925	Fitchburg Nor. 1927, 2 yrs. Sum. '27, '29	Westminster, 1927
Gertrude S. Shannon	Cleveland Central 1897	Cleveland Sch. of Education	Cleveland Pub. Schools 1901-'13 Westm'r 1926
Sylvia Turunen	Fitchburg 1925	Fitchburg Nor. 1928, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1928
Doris M. Fenno	Gardner 1913	Cush. Acad. '14 Sum. Hyannis '20 Fitchburg '26	Westminster, 1920
Carrie I. Estabrook	Westminster 1909	Sum. Hyannis '20 Fitch. '26, '29	Westminster, 1911
Doris Cummings Taylor	Westminster	Fitchburg Nor. 1929, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1929
Bernice Rowe	Westminster	Fitchburg Nor. 1929, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1929
Signe Antila	Westminster	Fitchburg Nor. 1929, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1929

TOWN ACCOUNTANT.

RECEIPTS.

Taxes.

Current Year :

Poll	\$506 00
Personal	4,593 28
Real Estate	18,844 14

\$28,943 42

Received from Fitchburg in lieu of Taxes

515 05

Previous Year :

1928—Poll	240 00
Personal	2,291 25
Real Estate	9,824 20

12,355 45

From State, Corporation, Bank, etc. :

From State :

Income Tax 1928	220 00
Income Tax	92 07
Income Tax 1929 (School)	8,003 00
Corporation Tax	145 19
Corporation Tax, Business	490 54
Corporation Tax, Pub. Service	169 64
National Bank Tax	37 68
Trust Co. Tax	174 33
Massachusetts School Fund	4,496 08

High School Tuition	\$2,181 43	
Union School Superintendent	773 33	
Transportation, High Pupils	2,767 35	
Vocational Aid	502 07	
		\$20,052 71
From Licenses :		
Junk	6 00	
Revolver	4 00	
Milk	10 00	
Gas	22 00	
Sunday	34 00	
Common Victualers	28 00	
Hawkers	3 00	
Inn Holders	5 00	
Amusement	2 00	
All other	6 00	
		120 00
From Court Fines		180 00
From Dog Licenses		353 91
From Hager Park Trustees :		
Wood for Town Hall	145 00	
Wood for Library	68 00	
Wood for Schools	317 25	
		530 25
From Moth Assessments :		
1927	1 25	
1928	75 90	
1929	79 75	
		156 90
From Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		3,223 98

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Town Hall:

Rent	\$475 00
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

Account of Gypsy Moth	17 50
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Inspection:

Animals	\$30 00
Sealer's fees	25 00

55 00

HIGHWAYS AND STATE ROAD.

From State, Chap. 81	7,837 34
From State, Ashburnham road, Chap. 90	1,611 44
From State, Worcester road, Chap. 90	1,800 00
From State, Colony road, Chap. 90	2,613 71
From State, Mile Hill Road, Chap. 90	10,243 56
From State, Mile Hill Road, Chap. 90	227 92

24,333 97

From County, Ashburnham Road, Chap. 90	1,611 43
From County, Worcester Road, Chap. 90	1,800 00
From County, Mile Hill Road, Chap. 90	12,880 62
From County, Mile Hill Road, Chap. 90	556 39

16,848 44

From Sale of Truck Body	10 00
Donation to Roads	2 00

CHARITIES.

Reimbursement from Cities and Towns.

From State for State Aid	144 00
From State, Temporary Aid	137 25
From State, Mothers' Aid	63 61

From Towns	\$87 00
From Cities	89 26

\$521 12

SCHOOLS.

From State.

Tuition at Night School	194 35
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LIBRARY.

From fines	22 55
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CEMETERIES.

For Cemetery Lot	5 00
For Care of Lot	20 00
For grass sold	25 00

50 00

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Revenue loan No. 38	20,000 00
Revenue loan No. 39	15,000 00

35,000 00

INTEREST.

Taxes 1928	377 65
Taxes 1929	22 95

400 60

Income from Trust Funds.

(Credited to Library).

Haws Library Fund	50 00
Child's Library Fund	6 95
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	50 00
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	25 00
Farnsworth Library Fund	26 26

P. P. Ellis Library Fund	\$23 75
A. R. Hager Library Fund	30 00
Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	15 00
George A. Miller Library Fund	102 53
Town Library Fund	83 25

\$412 74

From Gardner Trust Co., int. on bank dep's	141 41
Interest on Water Fund	693 73

835 14

Trust and Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	920 16
George A. Miller Library Fund Increase	401 16

Refunds and Transfers:

Refunds:

Loss of Taxes	713 82
School	9 81
Trade School	10 00

733 63

Transfers: (Interest transfered to cash)

Smith Poor Fund	2,116 50
Forbush Poor Fund	18 50
Upton School Fund	726 48
Hager School Fund	775 00
Ellis School Fund	26 67
M. A. Greed Cemetery Wall Fund	100 00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	386 65

\$4,149 80

Total Receipts \$146,814 83

Balance January 1, 1929 13,295 88

\$160,110 71

EXPENDITURES.

General Government.

Legislative:

Moderator		\$5 00
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Selectmen:

Salaries	\$225 00	
Printing and postage	18 44	
Telephone	11 10	
All other expense	18 00	
		\$272 54

Accountant:

Salary	300 00	
Printing and postage	44	
Telephone	3 35	
		303 79

Treasurer:

Salary	75 00	
Surety bond	50 00	
Postage and all other expense	29 20	
		154 20

Collector:

Salary	406 39	
Surety bond	75 00	
Printing and postage	7 64	
All other expense	26 28	
		515 31

Assessors:

Salaries	225 00	
Printing and postage	25 34	
All other expense	21 39	
		271 73

Other Finance Accounts:

Rent of Safety Deposit Box	\$10 00
Certification of Notes	4 00
Printing	76 61
Supplies	64 43

\$155 04

Law:

Services of Lawyers	115 90
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Town Clerk:

Salary	75 00
Bond	2 50
Printing and postage	7 20
Recording fees	47 50

132 20

Election and Registration:

Wages for services.

Registrars	16 75
Election Officers	8 00
Printing and postage	8 00

32 75

1,958 46

(Appropriation \$2,000. Balance \$41.54.)

Town Hall:

Salary.

Janitor	300 00
Janitor's supplies	20 11
Repairs	63 75
Water rent	18 75
Fuel	156 05
Lights and repairs on same	106 84
Telephone	12 00
Flag	9 60

Printing and postage	\$5 35
All other expense	14 00

\$706 45

(Appropriation \$1,000. Bal. \$293.55.)

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

Constables:

Wages for Investigating Complaints	151 75
Investigating automobile accidents	44 00
Investigating dog complaints	17 00
Copying and Posting Warrants	13 60
Serving Summons	5 00
Court fees	56 00
Transportation	220 80
Medical Attendance	10 00
Telephone and other expense	8 84

526 99

(Appropriation \$530. Balance \$3.01)

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages.

Engineers	30 00
Firemen	654 33
Supplies	39 51
Medical attendance	4 00
Labor on truck	26 00
Gas, oil and grease	35 31
Apparatus	4 40
Hose	438 00
Insurance	21 45
Fire alarm and repairs	13 40
Fuel	128 50

Building and Grounds.

Janitor	29 00
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Janitor's supplies	\$2 95
Repairs	153 97
Telephone	30 00

 \$1,610 82
Forestry :

Salary, Forest Warden	25 00
Firemen, (brush fires)	133 75
	158 75

1,769 57

(Appropriation \$1,800. Balance \$30.43)

(Appropriation Fire Suppression \$100. Balance \$100.)

Moth Department :

Wages	340 45
Teams or trucks	100 00
Insecticides	123 67
Gas and all other expense	38 70

 602 82

(Appropriation \$635.99. Bal. \$33.17)

Sealer of Weights and Measures :

Salary	60 00
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(Appropriation \$75. Bal. \$15.)

Tree Warden :

Wages	67 75
Trucks or teams	25 90

 93 65

(Appropriation \$100. Bal. \$6.35.)

Board of Health :**General Administration.**

Printing	1 00
Labor, cleaning public dump	44 00
Trucks	28 00
Tuberculosis treatment at sanitarium	611 00
Birth returns	1 25

Burial permits	\$10 50
Quarantine	13 00
Vaccination, (Doctors and assistants)	62 25
Inspection of School Children	75 00
Inspection of barns	76 30
Inspection of animals	72 85

\$995 15

(Appropriation \$1000. Balance \$4.85.)

Highways—Chap. 81:

General Administration.

Labor	6,246 94
Trucks or teams	2,387 70
Stone, gravel, etc.	219 30
Equipment and repairs	364 75
Tarvia	225 00
Surface oil	1,067 53
Culverts	110 00
Dynamite	6 40
Town Line posts	16 00
Town Line signs	20 00
Gas, oil and all other expense	115 99

10,779 61

Received from State \$7,700. Balance .39.

(Appropriation \$3,080.)

Bridges:

(Appropriation \$500. Bal. 500.)

Special Appropriation Back Roads:

Labor	661 15
Trucks, teams and scraper	270 40
Gravel	21 10
Lumber	25 80
Equipment and supplies	19 04
Telephone, express and all other expense	2 34

999 83

(Appropriation \$1000, Balance .17)

E. T. Smith Road:

Labor	\$101 60
Scraper and trucks	48 60
Gravel	4 00
Supplies	50

 \$149 70

(Appropriation \$150. Balance .30)

North Common Road:

Labor	679 40
Trucks	287 13
Gravel	87 20
Other expense	2 00

 1,005 73

(Appropriation \$1000. Overdraft \$5.73)

Harrington Road:

Labor	1,351 35
Trucks	595 20
Gravel	53 40

 1,999 95

(Appropriation \$1000. Balance .05)

Street Lighting Contract, (Appro. \$1,640. Overdraft .04) 1,640 04

Watering Tubs and Street Signs 68 60

(Appropriation \$70. Bal. \$1.40.)

Snow and Ice Removal:

Labor	607 16
Teams or trucks	26 80
Insurance	16 50
Snow Fence	150 00
Repairs and all other expense	873 59

 1,674 05

(Appropriation \$2,000. Bal. \$325.95.)

Sidewalk Maintenance:

Snow removal and Sanding.

Labor \$98 40

(Appropriation \$100. Bal. \$1.60.)

Sidewalk Repairs:

475 61

(Appropriation \$500. Bal. \$24.39)

Sidewalk Construction

900 00

(Appropriation \$900)

Repairs to Worcester Road, Chap. 90:

Labor \$1,580 18

Trucks or teams 314 85

Steam roller 51 50

Gravel 5 70

Tarvia 1,647 68

3,599 86

Received from State \$1,800

Received from County 1,800. Balance .14.

Colony Road, Chap. 90:

Labor 46 35

Wire fence 48 16

Posts 111 60

Freight 7 20

213 81

Due from State Jan. 1, 1929, \$2,491.43

Recd. from State \$2,613.71

Overdraft 91.03

Ashburnham Road Chap. 90:

Labor 2,471 98

Trucks or teams 787 25

Steam roller 104 00

Steam shovel 426 00

Fuel 79 65

Gravel	\$108 70
Dynamite	18 50
Supplies	30 77
Other expense	1 65

\$4,028 50

Received from State \$1,611.44

Received from County 1,611.43

Balance \$194.37.

Appropriation \$1,000.

Mile Hill Road:

Paid estimates of Construction Co.

23,876 19

Received from State and County \$23,920.54. Bal. \$44.35.

Maintenance of Mile Hill Road:

Labor	213 41
Tarmac P	559 80
Gravel	11 10
Cold patch	27 33

811 64

Received from State and County \$784.31

Overdraft 27.33

CHARITIES.

Board of Public Welfare.

General Administration.

Salaries	70 00
Printing and postage	5 42
Other expenses	25 00
Groceries and provisions	36 61
Fuel	27 50
Board and care	10 00
Medical attendance	40 00
Hospital	60 00
Other expense	1 50
Allowance (reimbursed by State)	364 00

Allowance Mother's Aid, (reimbursed by State)	\$184 00
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\$824 08

(Appropriation \$850. Bal. 25.97)

Outside relief by Town:

Groceries	444 82
Fuel	8 00
Board and care	63 08
Hospital	30 00
Charlton Home Farm	820 52
Reimbursed other cities and towns	261 87
Allowance Mother's Aid	507 21

2,135 00

Interest trans. from Smith fund 2,116.50

Interest trans. from Forbush fund 18.50

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS.

Soldiers' Benefits	24 00
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(Appropriation \$300. Balance \$276.)

State Aid:	144 00
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Rec. from State \$144.

SCHOOLS.

School Committee:

Services	88 84
Printing and postage	28 97
Telephone	49 55
Other expenses	101 87

268 73

Supt. of Schools.

Salary	1,080 00
Traveling expenses	316 01
School census	25 00

1,421 01

Supervisors:**Salaries.**

Music Teacher	\$560 00
Drawing Teacher	560 00
Nurse	583 00
Traveling expenses	351 04

 \$2,054 04
Teachers.**Salaries.**

Junior High	4,162 35
Elementary	7,884 34
Evening school	386 86
Other expenses	16 70

 12,450 25

Bonuses, (for Teachers in District schools—Hager Fund) 775 00

Mass. Teachers' Retirement Fund 552 50

Text Books and Supplies.

Jr. High, books	195 82
supplies	155 63
Elementary, books	299 27
supplies	119 66

 770 38
Tuition.

High	4,835 00
Elementary	452 50

 5,287 50
Transportation.

High	3,078 24
Elementary	5,373 26

 8,451 50
Janitors' Services.

Jr. High	200 00
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Elementary	\$1,214 00	
		\$1,414 00
Fuel.		
Jr. High	207 00	
Elementary	670 89	
		877 89
Lights		57 55
Water		62 50
Maintenance of Building and Grounds.		
Jr. High.		
Repairs	482 16	
All other	34 48	
		516 64
Elementary		
Repairs	217 78	
Supplies	13 16	
All other	11 06	
		242 00
Furniture and Fixtures.		
Jr. High	50 24	
Elementary	19 32	
		69 56
Graduating exercises and expenses		56 51
Prize Speaking and Transportation		8 20
Insurance		411 50
Medical attendance		7 00
		\$35,754 26
Appropriation	\$34,400.00.	Balance \$183.70
Refund	9.81.	
Int. Upton School Fund	726.48.	
Int. Hager School Fund	775.00.	
Int. Ellis School Fund	26.67.	

Artesian Well:

(Special appropriation \$750. Overdraft \$214.55)	\$964 55
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Repairing District Schools:

Repairs	\$803 67
Furniture	63 53
Supplies	40 21

907 41

(Appropriation \$1000. Balance \$92.59)

Tuition at Trade Schools

Tuition	559 60
Transportation	356 40

916 00

(Appropriation \$900. Overdraft \$6.)

Refund 10.

LIBRARY.

Salaries and wages.

Librarian	450 00
Assistants	245 00
Janitor	180 00

875 00

Books and Periodicals.

Books	253 91
Periodicals	113 25
Supplies, stationery and postage	24 15
Express and telephone	6 10

397 41

Building.

Repairs	53 10
Care of grounds	14 75
Fuel	222 00
Lights	106 48

Janitor's supplies	\$2 00
Insurance	170 50
All other expense	11 50

 \$580 33

 1,852 74

Bal. Jan. 1, 1929	\$53.17	
Appropriation	1,100.00	Balance \$67.08
Income from Trust Funds	412.74	
Dog Tax	353.91	

UNCLASSIFIED.

Liability Insurance (Appropriation \$493.76)	493 76
Care of Town Clock (Appropriation \$20.)	20 00
Memorial Day (Appropriation \$125.)	125 00
Assessment Hospital appor'nt (Appropriation \$174.89)	174 89
Dental Clinic (Appropriation \$200. Balance \$200)	
Printing Town Reports (Appropriation \$300.)	300 00
Appro. to investigate Water Problem, \$100. Balance \$100	
Special appro., broken ladder, \$20. Balance \$10.25	9 75
Special appro., Kusti Winter bill, \$16.	16 00

World War Memorial.

Mowing grass and all other work on grounds	56 04
Labor and paint on flag pole	4 00
Flag, rope, etc.	10 79
Repairs	2 50

 73 33

(Appropriation \$75. Bal. \$1.67.)

Miscellaneous.

Repairs on fountain	9 35
Repairs on Town Clock	80 00
Repairs on Town Pump and Well	38 35

Labor and repairs at Basin	\$22 50
Wire Fence and Posts	19 39
Signs	5 10
Labor on Common	5 00
All other	21 50

\$201 19

(Appropriation \$400. Balance \$198.81)

HAGER PARK TRUSTEES.

Expense of administration	25 00
Cutting, yarding and sawing	272 81
Trucking	196 32
Repairs to road	5 00

499 13

Receipts \$530.25. Overdraft Jan. 1, 1929, \$16.11

Payments	499.13
Balance	15.01

CEMETERIES.

Labor	566 20
Teams	16 00
Plants	4 00
Equipment	1 70
All other	11 00

598 90

(Appropriation \$600. Bal. 1.10.)

M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Work, (Interest trans.)	100 00
Perpetual Care of lots, (Interest trans.)	386 65

INTEREST.

Temporary Loans.

Interest on Plow loan	117 00
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Rev. loan No. 37	\$341 25
Rev. loan No. 38	420 00

\$878 25

(Appropriation \$1,200. Bal. \$321.75)

\$320 transferred to Schools per vote Town Meeting.

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Loans in anticipation of revenue	35,000 00
Payment on principal, Snow Plow loan	1,000 00

AGENCY AND TRUST.

Agency.

County tax	2,189 00
State tax	1,870 00
State Highway tax	801 40
Veteran's Exemption tax	4 97
Snow and Ice Removal tax	301 66
Auditing Municipal tax	667 62

5,834 65

Tax titles 91 53

Trust.

Invest. Geo. A. Miller Lib. Fund (increase)	401 16
Investment of Perpetual Care Funds	920 16

REFUNDS.

Taxes (as per State Audit)	29 02
Motor Vehicle Tax Refunds	128 43

Total Balances, \$2,767.61 Total Payments, \$149,837 90

Total overdrafts, 317.35 Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1929, 10,272 81

\$160,110 71

FLORENCE B. RICE,

Town Accountant,

Trust Fund Cash and Securities.	Amount		Income	Income spent	Deduct Tel St'k to Par Value	New Trust		Amount
	Jan. 1, 1929	Jan. 1, 1930				Funds	Funds	
F. W. Smith Poor Fund	\$36,027 21	\$2,011 92	\$2,116 50					\$85,922 63
J. W. Forbush Poor Fund	1,908 72	96 83	18 50					1,987 05
Upton School Fund	11,397 53	785 48	726 48		\$217 31			11,239 22
		Includes Tel. Rights \$89.35						
Joseph Hager School Fund	14,355 30	681 69	775 00					14,261 99
Preston P. Ellis School Fund	1,054 78	24 74	26 67					1,052 85
Town Library Fund	1,800 00	83 25	83 25					1,800 00
M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund	525 00	26 26	26 26					525 00
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	500 00	25 00	25 00					500 00
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	1,000 00	50 50	50 50					1,000 00
A. R. Hager Library Fund	600 00	30 00	30 00					600 00
M. D. Haws Library Fund	1,000 00	50 00	50 00					1,000 00
Lucy J. Childs Library Fund	150 00	6 95	6 95					150 00
Preston P. Ellis Library Fund	1,000 00	23 75	23 75					1,000 00
Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	300 00	15 00	15 00					300 00
George A. Miller Library Fund	1,500 00	102 53	102 53			\$401 16		1,901 16
M.A.Creed Cemetery Wall Fund	1,177 42	50 21	100 00					1,127 68
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	14,341 10	714 63	386 65			920 16		15,589 24
Water Investment	15,000 00	693 73	693 73					15,000 00
	\$103,637 06							\$104,956 77

Trial Balance of December 31, 1929. General Amounts.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash on hand:		Revenue Loan	\$15,000 00
General	\$10,272 81	Celebration Committee	6 03
Celebration Committee	6 03	Balances brought forward	
Library Petty Cash	10 00	Library	67 08
Amounts Receivable:		Ashburnham Road	194 37
Taxes:		Moth Assessment Revenue	55 48
Levy of 1928	163 83	Tax Title Revenue	128 58
1929	11,560 30	Motor Vehicle Tax Revenue	209 13
Special Assessments:		Overlay 1928	1,752 05
Moth 1928	1 60	Overlay 1929	7 52
Moth 1929	60 03	Overlay Reserve	508 30
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	337 56	Excess and Deficiency:	
Tax Title	128 58	Surplus	4,929 55
Overdrawn Appropriations:			
Street Lighting Contract	04		
State Colony Road	91 03		
North Common Road	5 73		
Trade School	6 00		
Artesian Well	214 55		
Net Funded Debt,	\$22,858 09		\$22,858 09
Net Plow Loan	\$1,600 00		\$1,600 00

County Aid to Agriculture.

Board of Selectmen, Westminster, Mass.

Following is my report on County Aid to Agriculture, Junior Dept.

Jan. 1, 1929 balance on hand	\$61 70
Feb. — Collected on poultry loan	5 00
Mar. — ,, ,,	5 00
July — ,, ,,	5 00
Bal. on hand, Jan. 1, 1930	76 70
Still due on poultry loans	4 00
	Total \$80 70

No expenditures during 1929.

The club work is progressing favorably under a new Club Leader, Mr. Marshal, and due to the generosity of the local Club leaders who gave their services and supplies the past year, we had no expenses, and therefore will need no appropriation at this time.

ERNEST M. VIEWEG,
Town Director.

Forest Warden's Report.

For the year ending December 31, 1929.

I have given 280 fire permits and posted 40 fire notices in different parts of the Town.

We have had quite a few brush fires but none of them did much damage.

I wish to thank all those who helped to fight same.

Respectfully submitted,

F. S. SMITH,

Forest Warden.

TOWN TREASURER.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Jan. 1, 1929. Bal. on hand	\$13,295 88
Borrowed in anticipation of taxes	35,000 00
Income transferred from F. W. Smith Poor Fund	2,116 50
,, Joseph Forbush Poor Fund	18 50
,, Upton School Fund	726 48
,, Joseph Hager School Fund	775 00
,, Preston Ellis School Fund	26 67
,, Town Library Fund	83 25
,, Farnsworth Library Fund	26 26
,, Charles Forbush Library Fund	25 00
,, Joseph Forbush Library Fund	50 00
,, M. D. Haws Library Fund	50 00
,, Arabella Hager Library Fund	80 00
,, Lucy Childs Library Fund	6 95
,, Preston Ellis Library Fund	23 75
,, Fred Whitman Library Fund	15 00
,, George A. Miller Library Fund	102 58
,, Milton Creed Cemetery Wall Fund	100 00
,, Water Fund	693 73
,, Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	386 65
Receipts from all other sources, detailed in Town Accountant's report	106,558 56
Total,	\$160,110 71
Total payments per 62 warrants approved by Selectmen	149,837 90
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1929	10,272 81
	<u>\$160,110 71</u>

TRUST FUNDS.

Frederick W. Smith Poor Fund.

Gardner Savings Bank	\$5,821 60	
Gardner Trust Co., savings dept.	5,250 03	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	3,000 00	
Athol Savings Bank	3,000 00	
Leominster Savings Bank	3,000 00	
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	3,000 00	
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank	3,000 00	
Worcester County Inst. for Savings	3,000 00	
Worcester North Savings Institution, Fitchburg	6,851 00	
Total fund		\$35,922 63

Principal \$34,175.47

Smith Farm Mortgage having been paid off and deposited in Banks.

Joseph W. Forbush Worthy Poor Fund.

Worcester North Savings Institution, Fitchburg	1,987 05
Principal, \$1,000.	

Forbush Memorial Library Funds.

Town Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	1,800 00	
M. A. Farnsworth Fund, Leominster Savings Bank	525 00	
C. A. Forbush Fund, Leominster Savings Bank	500 00	
J. W. Forbush Fund, Athol Savings Bank	1,000 00	
A. R. Hager Fund, Gardner Savings Bank	600 00	
M. D. Haws Fund, Winchendon Savings Bank	1,000 00	
Preston Ellis Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	500 00	
and 5 shares John A. Dunn Co. stock	500 00	
Lucy J. Childs Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	150 00	
Frederick S. Whitman Fund	300 00	
Gardner Savings Bank		
George A. Miller Fund,		
Worcester North Savings Instn.,	1,901 16	
(Increase of \$401.16 from residue of his Estate.)		
Total Principal, Library Trust Funds		8,776 16

Upton School Fund.

Orange Savings Bank	541 20	
Templeton Savings Bank	612 68	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	694 88	
Peoples' Savings Bank, Worcester	1,000 00	
Worcester Mechanics' Savings Bank	1,000 00	
Worcester County Ins. for Savings	1,100 00	
Central Trust Co., Cambridge	1,125 83	
Gardner Trust Co., savings dept.	964 73	
25 shares Pullman Inc.,	1,400 00	
28 shares Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. (par value)	2,800 00	
Total Upton fund		\$11,239 22
Principal, \$11,116.50		

Preston P. Ellis School Fund.

Fitchburg Savings Bank	500 00	
5 shares John A. Dunn Co.	500 00	
Gardner Trust Company	52 85	
Total		1,052 85
Principal \$1,000.		

Joseph Hager School Fund.

Liberty Bonds 4½%	2,500 00	
Telephone Bonds 5%	1,000 00	
Gardner Savings Bank	4,000 00	
Leominster Savings Bank	2,000 00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	2,500 00	
Gardner Trust Co., Sav. dept.	2,261 99	
Total, Hager School Fund		14,261 99
Principal, \$12,000.		

City of Fitchburg Water Fund.

Gardner Savings Bank	3,500 00
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Gardner Trust Company Savings Dept.	\$4,500 00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	7,000 00	
Total		\$15,000 00

Milton A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund.

Liberty bonds	1,000 00	
Gardner Trust Company	127 63	
Total		1,127 63

Principal \$1,000.

Bal. in bank from One hundred fiftieth Anniversary Committee 6 03

LIABILITIES.

Note at Gardner Trust Co., due March 21, 1930, 5½%	15,000 00	
Bal. due at Gardner Trust Co. on Snow Plow and Tractor, 4½%	1,600 00	
Payable \$1,000 in 1930 and \$600 in 1931.		
Total		\$16,600 00

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

	Jan. 1, 1929.	Income.	Withdrawn & Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1930
Allen, Lyman	\$131 83	\$6 66	\$1 50	\$136 99
Allen, Frederick	122 29	6 18	1 50	126 97
Bacon, Edward	108 47	4 92	2 00	111 39
Baker, Ellen L.	104 15	5 25	3 00	106 40
Baker, Eliza	89 11	4 18		93 29
Barnes, Sarah M.	108 27	4 90	2 00	111 17
Bartow, Hattie Wheeler	49 98	4 50	4 25	50 23
Battles, Alfred	112 17	5 10	2 00	115 27
Beaman, Ruth P.	60 63	2 85	1 00	62 48
Bean, Laura J.	100 00	5 08	3 00	102 08
Benjamin, Wm. H.	114 40	5 19	2 00	117 59
Bolton, Alonzo D.	112 60	5 68	2 50	115 78
Bolton, Franklin E.	105 23	4 78	2 00	108 01
Bolton, Simeon and Elizabeth Whitney	103 79	5 27	2 65	106 41
Brown, John	124 14	6 28	1 50	128 92
Brown, Timothy	112 56	5 12	1 75	115 93
Brooks, S. E. and A.	211 06	9 62	4 00	216 68
Borey, M. J.	60 83	2 73	2 00	61 56
Carter, Merriam and Hannaford	152 51	7 76		160 27
Childs, Lucy J.	218 22	10 25	2 50	225 97
Cutler, Jonas	108 86	5 48	2 00	112 34
Cowee, Sarah M.	122 15	6 18	1 75	126 58
Coleman and Derby	155 64	7 86	4 00	159 50
Daisy, Henry H.	110 13	5 55	2 00	113 68
Davis, Geo. M. and Elizabeth	100 00	5 51	2 65	102 86
Horace E. Davis	100 00	5 51	1 65	103 86
Derby, Walter	101 12	4 59	2 00	103 71
Durling, A. R.	102 30	4 64	2 00	104 94
Dupree, Charles H. & Mary A.	224 23	11 33	24 00	211 56
Eaton, Mary W.	52 87	2 37	1 50	53 74
Elliott, Flora E.	56 21	2 55	1 50	57 26
Estey, Oliver	118 14	5 38	2 00	121 52

	Jan. 1, 1929.	Income.	Withdrawn & Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1930
Ellis, Preston P.	\$149 88	\$7 03	\$3 25	\$153 66
Eaton, William	134 68	6 80	3 25	138 23
Eaton, Marshall	119 00	6 01	1 50	123 51
Eaton, Stillman	45 70	2 28	1 50	46 48
Estabrook, J. W.	50 76	2 55	2 00	51 31
Foskett, Sarah A.	53 22	2 68	2 00	53 90
Forbush, Charles A.	142 64	7 20	3 00	146 84
Forbush, Joseph W.	216 90	10 95	2 50	225 35
Farnsworth, Mary A.	66 56	3 35	1 50	68 41
Goodridge, John C.	142 78	6 49	3 00	146 27
Healy and Dalrymple	55 52	2 51	2 00	56 03
Hager, Joseph	417 04	19 05	27 00	409 09
Hager, George W.	77 50	3 91	2 00	79 41
Hager, Elijah	82 10	4 15	2 00	84 25
Harris and Barnes	106 66	4 84	2 00	109 50
Holden and Eames	136 00	6 88	1 50	141 38
Harrington and Wheeler	51 34	2 58	2 00	51 92
Hood, M. E.	128 49	6 48	2 50	132 47
Hartwell, Leander	59 60	3 01	2 00	60 61
Haynes, George N.	117 65	5 34	1 50	121 49
Hill, David W.	239 06	10 90	25 00	224 96
Jackson, Levi and Jane	110 51	5 01	1 50	114 02
Kendall, Edward S. & Mary E.	112 04	5 10	17 00	100 14
Kendall, Edward F.	415 33	18 96	6 00	428 29
Leland, H. J.	51 55	2 32	2 00	51 87
Lewis, Nelson	116 50	5 29	2 00	119 79
Lamb, Stephen F.	110 35	5 00	1 50	113 85
Lantz, Mary E. Taylor lot	100 00	5 51	1 65	103 86
Learned and Goodnow	111 65	5 07	3 00	113 72
Lynde, John & Lucy K.	158 69	8 06		166 75
Merriam, Read	107 23	4 86	1 50	110 59
Merriam, Thos.	107 23	4 86	2 00	110 09
Miller, James W.	122 75	5 57	2 00	126 32
Miller, John C.	105 11	4 78	2 00	107 89
Miller, Joseph and Emily	50 77	2 28	1 50	51 55

	Jan. 1, 1929.	Income.	Withdrawn & Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1930
*Miller, Sylvester	\$151 25	\$9 22	1 65	\$198 98
Miles and Puffer	59 88	3 01	3 00	59 89
Morse, Farwell	102 08	5 15	2 00	105 23
Marshall, Julia L.	108 26	4 90	1 50	111 66
Merriam, Francis	109 62	4 98	2 00	112 60
Mayo, William	234 90	11 85	12 75	234 00
Minott, Joseph	113 50	5 73	1 50	117 73
Merriam, Artemas	189 77	9 58	8 00	191 35
Merriam, Oliver M.	116 90	5 88	2 00	120 78
Minott, Fanny	102 95	5 22	2 00	106 17
McAllister, Rev. Wm. C.	106 20	5 40	5 45	106 15
Nichols, Charles	191 73	8 73	3 70	196 76
Nichols, Frederick	106 71	4 84	3 25	108 30
Partridge, Seaver & Hartwell	150 74	7 60	4 25	154 09
Pierce, Elisha	248 05	12 55	2 00	258 60
Page, Porter F.	234 88	11 85	3 00	243 73
Puffer, Rev. Stephen	56 40	2 83	1 00	58 23
Peckham, Horatio	51 94	2 33	1 50	52 77
Raymond, Abijah H.	117 07	5 32	2 00	120 39
Ray, Ivers	126 57	6 38	3 00	129 95
Ray, Hiram	108 29	5 45	2 00	111 74
Rice, Wm. S.	106 00	4 82	2 00	108 82
**Rider, Wm. D.	57 04	2 68	2 00	101 72
***Saunders, Amos	51 04	2 68	2 00	101 72
Sawin, Otis W. & L. Ashton	205 89	9 66	2 00	213 05
Seaver, Silas W. & Geo. C. Baker	76 25	3 88	2 00	78 13
Smith, Sarah B.	60 75	3 05	2 00	61 80
Stearns, Sarah H.	120 60	6 08	3 00	123 68
Spaulding and Rugg	243 06	12 31		255 37
Sprague, Samuel H.	100 00	5 08	3 00	102 08
Upton, George C.	921 18	46 89	35 00	933 07
Walton, Joseph L.	50 55	2 28	1 00	51 83
Wetherbee, Lina W.	111 14	5 05	2 50	113 69
Wood, Charles P.	31 34	1 40		32 74
****Woodbury, Joseph	80 74	3 88	1 00	113 62

*Inc. prin. \$40.16. **Inc. prin. \$50. ***Inc. prin. \$50. ****Inc. prin. \$30.

	Jan. 1, 1929.	Income.	Withdrawn & Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1930
Whitney, John	\$136 01	\$6 88	\$2 00	\$140 89
Ware, Abigail E.	234 13	11 93	3 00	243 06
Whipple and Hackett	103 25	5 21	75	107 71
Wyman, Sophia L.	137 30	6 93	3 00	141 23
Wheeler, Delia A.	54 26	2 44	1 50	55 20
Whitney, Malcom R.	106 27	4 82	2 50	108 59
Whitman, Fred S.	507 64	25 68	22 00	511 32
Young, Fidelia Sawin	57 04	2 88	1 50	58 42

NEW FUNDS—1929.

Eaton, Lura B.	100 00	2 08	102 08
Drury, Sarah E.	50 00	1 04	51 04
Hadley, Laura E.	100 00	2 08	102 08
Burpee, Viola N.	50 00	1 04	51 04
Hay, Arthur	200 00	3 33	203 33
Bruce, James R. & George W.	100 00	1 67	101 67
Perkins, Harrison	50 00	84	50 84
Whitney, Warren	100 00	83	100 83

Total

\$15,589 24

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO,

Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Four meetings of the Board have been held for the conducting of business.

The Library has received many books as gifts, notably seventy-seven volumes from Mr. Rufus Putnam, forty volumes from Miss Ida Delva, and eight volumes from Mr. Frank H. Page, besides from one to three or four from other friends, which are much appreciated.

The Library has also received as residuary legatee, \$401.16 from the estate of the late George A. Miller, making \$1,901.16 which has been received by the terms of his will.

The Book Committee had ordered many worthwhile books, notably "The Memories of a Sculptor," by Mrs. Daniel C. French, and "L. Clark Seeley, the President of Smith College, by his daughter.

Books for the use of the Mission Study Classes of the Town have been placed in the Library, and appreciation has been expressed. This is not done by many other libraries. The attention of those desiring "thrillers" is called to these books.

Starred books for pupils attending school at Fitchburg and Gardner, as well as our Town, have been furnished. These in the nature of a reference library.

The Trustees would respectfully call the attention of patrons to the fact that many books have been practically destroyed by careless handling, pages torn or lost altogether. For the sake of others we ask that more care be taken in the future. Our Librarian's report follows.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO,	CYRUS T. MILLER,
LUCY MILTON GILES,	IDA E. MERRIAM,
SARAH J. WYMAN,	MAURICE T. BILLINGS,
	Trustees.

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1929.

Early in the year the librarian attended the annual Library Institute as the guest of the Library Commission, and the standards required by the State and the methods used by other libraries, have been followed as closely as possible through a year of intense activity.

A circulation of seven volumes per capita of the entire population, or fifteen volumes for the reading public, has been maintained, while the library functions as a reference library for all of the schools.

Forty-three periodicals are on the subscription list besides a large number received as gifts.

Exhibits of pictures from the W. E. A. have been displayed, also samples of Scout-craft by C. Bruce Shannon and Charles R. Merriam. Gifts received by the Historical Society lend attraction to the Library Museum. Two volumes, "We," by Charles A. Lindberg and "Lindberg, the Lone Eagle," loaned by Mr. Thaddeus B. Fenno, have had a large circulation.

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

Days open	102
Smallest daily circulation	58
Largest daily circulation	183
Average daily circulation	107
Circulation for year	11,914
Narrows Branch	1,790
Total circulation	13,704
Number of volumes added by purchase	171
Number of volumes added by gift	387
(1929 and previous year)	
Number of volumes discarded	27
Number of volumes in library	12,436

GIFTS—BOOKS.

One volume, Mr. E. H. Friberg—one volume, Outdoor Advertising Association—one volume, Mr. Charles Lathrop Park—one volume, Rev. Lucy Milton Giles—one volume, Dr. Charles Whitney Page—two volumes, Mr. G. E. Nutting—three volumes, Mrs. S. H. Alexander—eight volumes, Mr. Frank H. Page—forty volumes, Miss Ida Delva—Seventy-seven volumes, Mr. George Rufus Putnam—Topographical map of Westminster and vicinity, Mr. Frank Tansley.

PERIODICALS.

American Legion,	American Legion Auxiliary
Christian Leader,	Universalist, Ladies' Social Circle
Congregationalist,	Congregational Church
Missions,	Baptist Mission Circle
Watchman,	Mrs. F. A. Merriam
Congressional Record,	Congressman F. H. Foss
American Motorist, Elks Magazine, and Reader's Digest,	Mr. C. B. Dawley
Woman's Home Companion,	Miss Ida Delva
Trailmaker,	Clover Leaf Troop One, Girl Scouts
American Child, Christian Century, Child Labor Bulletin, Religious Education, Wellspring, Spellman Messenger, Successful Farming, Tufts College Graduate, Industrial Student, M. A. C. Alumni Bulletin, M. A. C. Reports, Worcester County Farmer, Nation's Business, National Grange Monthly, Elephant, Woman Citizen.	
Rev. Lucy Milton Giles	
Bell Telephone Quarterly, Tycos Rochester, Alpha Aids, American Issue, Mazdaznan, Living Tissue, Humane Education, National Republic, Mental Hygiene, Our Dumb Animals,	

The Publishers

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH F. GREENE,

Librarian.

Branch Library—Narrows District.

To the Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library:—

The Branch Library which was started in February, 1924, at my home, has been continued through the years 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929.

I have received 358 books from the Main Library during the year 1929. These books have been distributed among 68 different families, with an average circulation of five for each book, making the total circulation 1,790.

Since opening the Branch Library in February, 1924, I have received 3,182 books from the Main Library for distribution in this section of the Town.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Mr. Cyrus T. Miller and Mr. Edward J. Rice for their kindness in transporting the books to and from the Library for me, and my sincere appreciation of their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE E. BAKER.

Westminster, Mass , Jan. 7, 1930.

Joseph Hager Park.

In the fall your trustees relocated the boundry lines on the east and south which extends back of "Green Hill" and in this section of the lot a supply of hard wood is being cut for the schools, Town Hall and Library.

Although our operations in this 100 acre tract are self-sustaining, selling the wood to the Town at a nominal cost, we shall at the March Meeting, for the first time, ask the Town for an appropriation, the same as other Town Departments, and turn the money back to the Town as we deliver the wood. We do this on the suggestion and advice of the State Auditors.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO,

FLOYD W. VINCENT,

CARLOS E. BARRON,

Trustees.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Taxes 1927.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1929	\$12 89
Abatement	12 89

Taxes 1928.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1929	12,455 55
Commitment in excess of Warrant (as per Audit)	91 10
Overpayment to Collector (as per Audit)	10
To adjust Taxes and Tax Titles	19 93
Moth reported as Taxes	6 20
	12,572 88

Payments to Treasurer	\$12,355 45
Abatements	53 60
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1929	163 83

12,572 88

Taxes 1929.

Commitment of Taxes	35,523 53
Dec. commitment	44 71

35,568 24

Payments to Treasurer	23,943 42
Abatements	64 52
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1929	11,560 30

35,568 24

Interest.

Previous years	377 65
Current year	22 95

400 60

Moth Tax 1927.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1929	\$1 25
Payments to Treasurer	1 25

Moth Tax 1928.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1929		84 90
Payments to Treasurer	\$75 90	
Moth reported as Taxes (as per Audit)	6 20	
Warrant in excess of commitment	1 20	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1929	1 60	
		84 90

Moth Tax 1929.

Commitment		139 78
Payments to Treasurer	79 75	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1929	60 03	
		139 78

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax.

Commitment May 1929		2,267 96
Commitment July 1929		1,161 58
Commitment Sept. 1929		270 73
Commitment Dec. 1929		91 28
		3,791 55
Payments to Treasurer	3,223 98	
Abatements	230 01	
Refunds	128 43	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1929	209 13	
		3,791 55

WINDSOR F. NEAL,

Tax Collector.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATIONS.

Buildings	\$667,835	
Land	484,245	
Total real estate		\$1,102,080
Personal property		256,737
		\$1,358,817

DECEMBER ASSESSMENT.

Real estate	1,325	
Personal	350	
		1,675
		1,360,492

TAXES.

Rate \$25.50 per \$1,000.

On real estate	28,136 83	
On personal property	6,555 71	
On polls	876 00	
		35,568 54

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Income tax	7,710 00
Corporation tax	240 02
Bank tax	89 23
Licenses	104 00
Fines	323 00
Special assessments	178 65
General government	543 00

Protection of persons and property	\$57 73
Charities	148 00
Schools	7,140 80
Libraries	17 10
Cemeteries	25 00
Interest on deposits	1,009 33
Interest on taxes	313 82
Excise tax	4,000 00
All other	1,373 39

\$23,274 07

EXPENDITURES.

Town appropriations	52,895 88
State tax	1,870 00
State Highway tax	801 40
State Moth tax	139 78
Snow removal tax	301 66
Auditing accounts tax	667 62
County tax	2,189 00
Overlay	72 34

58,937 68

Number of dwellings	597
Number of horses	160
Number of cows	475
Number of other cattle	75
Number of sheep	3
Number of swine	41
Number of fowls	3,125
Number of motor vehicles	540

ARNO E. HURD,
E. J. RAYMOND,
HENRY L CURTIS,

Assessors of Westminster.

Selectmen's Appropriation Recommendations 1930

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

General Government.

Salaries of Town Officers and expenses	\$2,000 00
Town Hall maintenance	1,000 00

Protection of Persons and Property.

Constables	600 00
Fire Department	1,800 00
Forest Warden	100 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	75 00
Tree Warden	100 00
Liability Insurance	500 00
Gypsy Moth	635 99

Health and Sanitation.

Board of Health	1,500 00
Tuberculosis Assessment	174 72
Dental Clinic	200 00

Highways.

General Repairs, under Chapter 81	3,850 00
Snow and Ice, (highways)	2,000 00
Snow and Ice, (sidewalks)	100 00
New Sidewalks	
Sidewalks, (repairs)	100 00
Bridges	500 00
Ashburnham Road	1,000 00
Gate House or Leino Park Road	1,000 00

Depot Road	\$1,000 00
Back Roads	1,000 00
Maintenance of Worcester and Mile Hill Roads	800 00
Watering tubs and guide boards	100 00
Street lighting contract	1,640 00

Charities.

State Aid	144 00
Soldiers' Relief	100 00
Board of Public Welfare	1,000 00

Schools.

(Including amount from State)	35,000 00
Trade School	600 00

Forbush Library.

Dog fund and	1,100 00
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Cemeteries.

1,300 00

Interest Payments.

1,200 00

Payment of Debt.

Tractor note	1,600 00
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Unclassified.

Care of Town Clock	20 00
Memorial Day and care of Monument	125 00
World War Memorial	75 00
Printing Town Reports	368 85
Miscellaneous	400 00
Hager Park	400 00
Reserve Fund	500 00

Overdrawn Accounts.

Highways.

State Colony Road	\$91 03
North Common Road	5 73
E. E. Fenno & Co., shovels	8 00 \$104 76
Artesian Well at Center School	214 55
Trade School	6 00
Street Lights	04

LIST OF JURORS.

Arthur L. Bascomb, retired	Wilho W. Mayranen, Salesman
Arno E. Hurd, Farmer	Wallace D. Flagg, Laborer
Leroy W. Hutchinson, Shipping Clerk	Philip Hills, Machinist
Frank W. Fenno, Banker	James P. Dugan, Farmer
George L. Dawley, Manufacturer	Edward J. Rice, Salesman
Charles A. Hicks, Carpenter	Richard W. Ahlin, Accountant
Frank S. Smith, Farmer	William F. Percy, Blacksmith
Roger W. Battles, Auto Mechanic	Matthew Handlin, Station Agent
Harold D. Merriam, Storekeeper	Stanley Whitney, Farmer
S. Edwin Story, Jeweler	

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westminster, in the County aforesaid:
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Westminster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Westminster, on Monday the third day of March, 1930, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, or terms of three years.

Art. 3. To see what compensation the Town will allow the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, and determine the terms upon which they shall be collected, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1930, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen, or act relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will choose an agent or agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting Taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the Cletrac Tractor and Ford truck used by the Highway Department.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will adopt a by-law providing for a Finance Committee as required by Section 16, Chapter 34 of the General Laws.

Art. 10. To choose or appoint all necessary committees for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to choose a director in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 128, General Laws, or pass any vote in relation thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road from the farm owned by Herman Jaaskalainen to the State Colony road near the farm formerly owned by Hiram Ray.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road from the Charles L. Reynolds house to the Cowee pasture, so called.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Accountant and to abolish the office of Town Auditor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 55, Chapter 41, of the General Laws.

Art. 15. To hear the reports of any Committee chosen by the Town and act thereon.

Art. 16. To hear the report of the Water Committee chosen by the Town at a Town Meeting held November 22, 1929. raise and appropriate any sum of money to carry on further investigation as recommended therein, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 17. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the following departments: General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Highways, Charities, Schools, Library, Cemeteries, Interest Payments, Payment of Debt, and Unclassified.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to take care of overdrafts in the following departments:—Highways, \$104.76. Artesian Well, \$214.55. Trade School, \$6.00. Street Lights, .04.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to follow the recommendations of the State Board of Education in regard to the School Housing Problem, provide funds for the purpose by borrowing or otherwise, or act anything relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to buy the Kamila Farm, appropriate money to pay for the same or act anything in relation thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new Fire Engine or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to issue notes, for the purpose of providing the money appropriated under Article 21.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to provide a suitable building for storing the tractor, snow plow, and other Town equipment, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to take any action in regard to a Tercentenary Celebration and appropriate money for the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office and Town Hall in said Town, seven days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February in the year
one thousand nine hundred and thirty.

EDWARD R. MILLER,
LUCIUS W. FRENCH,
HAROLD D. MERRIAM,

Selectmen of Westminster.

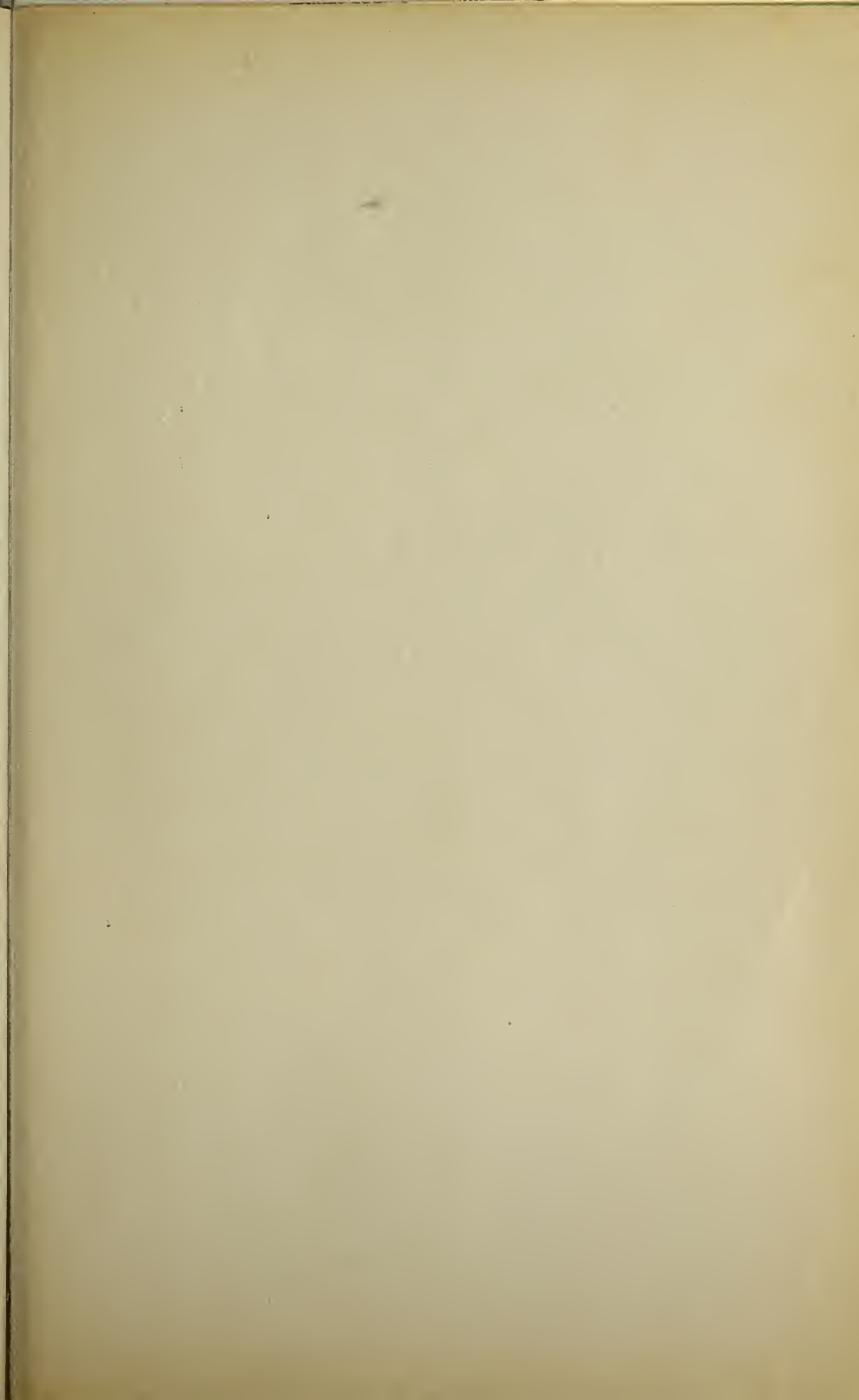
A true copy, attest:

HAROLD A. TOWLE,

Constable of Westminster.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1930.

There were six Town Meetings held during the year 1930.
(In the following reports of Town Meetings it is a synopsis from records of each meeting).

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 3, 1930.

Article 1.

Arno E. Hurd was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

The following is a list of Town Officers chosen together with those whose term of office has not expired:

TOWN CLERK

Charles F. Giles

TREASURER

Frank W. Fenno

SELECTMEN

Lucius W. French was chosen for three years

Edward R. Miller, term expires March, 1931

Harold D. Merriam, term expires March, 1932

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Cyrus T. Miller was chosen for three years

Lucius W. French, term expires March, 1931

Maud I. Miller, term expires March, 1932

ASSESSORS

Arno E. Hurd was chosen for three years

Emory J. Raymond, term expires March, 1931

Henry L. Curtis, term expires March, 1932

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Arno E. Hurd was chosen for three years

Ernest M. Vieweg, term expires March, 1931

E. Frances Merriam, term expires March, 1932

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Sarah J. Wyman was chosen for three years

Maurice P. Billings was chosen for three years

Lucy M. Giles, term expires March, 1931

Cyrus T. Miller, term expires March, 1931

Ida E. Merriam, term expires March, 1932

Frank W. Fenno, term expires March, 1932

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Windsor F. Neal was chosen for three years

Elmer Walker, term expires March, 1931

Frank S. Parks, term expires March, 1932

HAGER PARK COMMISSIONERS

Carlos E. Barron was chosen for three years

Floyd W. Vincent, term expires March, 1931

Frank W. Fenno, term expires March, 1932

TAX COLLECTOR

Windsor F. Neal

CONSTABLE

Harold A. Towle

TREE WARDEN

Emory J. Raymond

Voted that the Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark be appointed by the Selectmen.

MEASURERS OF WOOD, LUMBER AND BARK

(Appointed by Selectmen)

Frank S. Smith

Edward R. Flagg

Arno E. Hurd

Wickliffe H. Waterhouse

Edward F. Hetu

Henry Waltonen

Arthur E. Merriam

Emil Wuth

Article 3.

Voted that the Tax Collector be allowed one cent on each dollar collected and that the Town furnish the postage and tax bills, and subject to the following conditions:

All taxes shall be due October 1st, 1930.

Interest charges shall start from November 1st, 1930.

All taxes paid after Nov. 1st, 1930 shall pay six per cent. per annum additional.

Article 4.

Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1930 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 5.

Voted to accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Article 6.

Voted that the Selectmen act as agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town.

Article 7.

Voted to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

Article 8.

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell the Cletrac Tractor and Ford Truck used by the highway department.

Article 9.

Voted to adopt a by-law providing for a Finance Committee as required by Sec. 16, Chap. 34 of the General Laws, as follows:—

By-law for Finance Committee.

There shall be a finance committee to which shall be referred all articles in any warrant hereafter issued for a town meeting.

Said committee shall consist of three citizens of the town who shall be elected at the annual town meeting, and said committee shall hold office until the close of the annual town meeting of the following year. Any vacancies occurring in said committee may be filled by the remaining members of said committee for the balance of the term.

The Selectmen, after drawing any warrant for a town meeting, shall transmit immediately a copy thereof to the finance committee and said committee shall consider all articles in such warrant.

After due consideration of the subject matter in such articles, said committee shall report thereon in print or otherwise to the Town Meeting such recommendations as it deems to be for the best interests of the town.

The Finance Committee as elected were:

Philip H. Loughlin, Charles B. Dawley and C. Herbert Mansur.

(Note:—This vote was submitted to the Attorney General but was not approved by him therefore the vote was considered void.)

Article 10.

(article to choose all necessary committees) Passed over.

Article 11.

Voted to choose an Agricultural Director in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 128, General Laws.

Voted and chose Ernest M. Vieweg, Director.

Article 12.

Voted to discontinue the road from the farm owned by Herman Jaaskalainen to the State Colony road near the farm formerly owned by Hiram Ray.

Article 13.

Voted to discontinue the road from the Charles L. Reynolds house to the Cowee pasture, so called, reserving all rights of way now held by any person.

Article 14.

Voted to authorise the Selectmen to appoint a Town Accountant and to abolish the office of Town Auditor in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 55, Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

Article 15.

Under this article H. L. Rowe reported for the Fire Department, in part, as printed in Town Report.

L. W. French, for Selectmen, reported relative to proposed sale of school houses.

Article 16.

The Water Committee chosen at town meeting of Nov. 22, 1929 reported as follows:

"Your committee appointed to investigate the possibility of a town water system respectfully present the following report:—

We have held several meetings and considered the water situation carefully and were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. William P. Ray, C. E., who has taken the measurements, levels, etc., which appear on the plan exhibited here today and assisted us in securing prices and estimates of the cost of a practical water system for domestic use and fire protection for which there would seem to be two sources of supply:

One by taking water from Meeting-house lake and paying our share of the expense of protecting the improvements thereon to the City of Fitchburg, which is estimated by them to be \$25,000., your committee, however, being of the opinion that water can be secured from driven wells used in connection with the supply now owned by the Westminster Aqueduct Company at less expense, and we find that the cost of such a water system at present prices would probably not exceed \$70,000, which cost could be bonded with 30 years time to pay off the bonds and as income would in time exceed the expense, the town at the end of the term would have a good water supply at very reasonable cost and if the town wish to have some wells driven to see if a supply can be obtained in that way we would advise an appropriation of \$2,000 be made for that purpose.

FRANK W. DERBY,
J. F. MONTVILLE,
HERBERT L. ROWE,
EDWARD R. MILLER,
CARLOS E. BARRON,

Committee.

Westminster, Mass., March 3, 1930.

Voted that the Water committee continue to investigate the proposed water system and that \$2,000 be raised and appropriated for that purpose.

Article 17.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Note—In the following table appropriations under other articles are also included in order to show the total amount appropriated

Salaries of Town Officers and expenses	\$2,000
Town Hall Maintenance	1,000
Constables	600
Fire Department	1,500
Forest Warden	100
Tree Warden	100
Sealer of Weights and Measures	75
Liability Insurance	500
Gypsy Moth	635 99
Board of Health	1,500
Tuberculosis assessment	174 72
Dental clinic	200
General repairs of Highways—Chapter 81	3,850
Snow and Ice removal (highways)	2,000
Snow and Ice removal (sidewalks)	100
Sidewalks (repairs)	100
Bridges	500
Ashburnham road, Chap. 90	1,500
Gate House road, Chap. 90	1,500
Depot road	1,000
Back roads	2,000
Worcester and Mile Hill roads, (maintenance) Chap. 90	800
Watering Tubs and Guide Boards	100
Electric Lights	1,640 04
State Aid.	144
Soldiers' Relief	100

Board of Public Welfare	\$1,000
Schools (including amount from State)	36,000
Tuition at Trade Schools	600
Forbush Library—dog license fund and	1,100
Cemeteries	1,500
Interest payments	1,200
Payment of debt—Tractor note	1,600
Care of Town Clock	20
Memorial Day and care of monument	125
Care of World War Memorial	75
Printing Town Reports	368 85
Miscellaneous	400
Hager Park	400
Reserve fund	500

Overdrawn accounts—

State Colony road	91 03
North Common road	5 78
E. E. Fenno & Co.	8
Artesian well	214 55
Trade schools	6
Street lights	04
Water investigation	2,000
School House problem	300
Fire Engine, (to raise present year)	1,500
Storage building	1,500
Total	\$74,233 95

Voted that the Town Accountant's salary be increased to \$100 more than last year.

Voted that the salaries of the School Committee be \$75 for each member per year.

Article 18.

(Appropriations for overdrafts) See "overdrawn accounts" in list of appropriations.

Article 19.

Voted to choose a committee of seven to make further investigation of the school housing problem.

Chose for this committee:—Chairman Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer, P. H. Loughlin, W H. Waterhouse and the School Committee.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$800 for this committee to expend.

Article 20.

(Article to buy the Kamila farm.)

Voted in negative.

Article 21.

Voted to purchase a new fire engine. Voted that the purchasing of the fire engine be placed in the hands of the Fire Engineers and the Board of Selectmen.

Article 22.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to be paid this year and that five notes be issued of \$1,000 each, to be paid each year for five years for the purpose of purchasing a new fire engine as voted under Article 21.

Vote was declared nearly unanimous.

Note:— This vote was declared ineffective by the Director of Accounts because no count was taken of the number of votes, for, and against, and it was necessary that a two-thirds vote in the affirmative be recorded.

Article 28.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500 to provide a suitable building for storing the tractor, snow plow and other town equipment.

Article 24.

(Article to see if the Town will take any action in regard to a Tercentenary celebration.) Voted to pass the article.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES,

Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING HELD APRIL 7, 1930.

Article 1.

Arno E. Hurd was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

Voted to purchase a new fire engine; the Fire Engineers and Selectmen to have the matter in charge.

Article 3.

Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 for a new fire engine. \$1,500 to be paid this year, and that the Town issue five notes of \$1,000 each, to be paid one each year for the next five years. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting dissolved.

CHARLES F. GILES,

Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 13, 1930.

Article 1.

Frank W. Derby was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

Mr. L. W. French presented the following motion:—"That, there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of

constructing a school building with a gymnasium, originally equipping and furnishing the same and that to meet said appropriation there be raised in the levy of the current year the sum of \$4,000, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$46,000, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, said bonds or notes to be payable in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 19, Chap. 44, General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of issue of the first bond or note, or at such earlier dates as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine."

Upon vote, using the check list and balloting, the motion was defeated. The result was:—Yes, 62 and No, 76.

Mr. L. W. French then presented another motion for constructing a school building in same form and terms as his first motion, excepting the gymnasium was stricken out and the monetary amounts were smaller, and were as follows:—

Amount to be raised and appropriated,	\$35,000
Amount to be raised the current year,	3,000
Amount Treasurer authorized to borrow	32,000

Upon vote this motion was defeated. The result was Yes, 52 and No, 76.

Meeting dissolved.

CHARLES F. GILES,

Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING HELD AUGUST 4, 1930.

Article 1.

Arno E. Hurd was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53.14 for the purpose of paying deficit of dental clinic.

Article 3.

A motion to raise and appropriate \$1,000 to install additional heating facilities in the portable school building was decided in the negative.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES,

Town Clerk.

STATE PRIMARY, SEPT. 16, 1930.

Republican vote for Governor:

Frank G. Allen	124	
John D. Devir	2	
Blanks	7	
Number of Republican ballots cast		133

Democratic vote for Governor:

John J. Cummings	none	
Joseph B. Ely	7	
John F. Fitzgerald	1	
Blanks	2	
Number of Democratic ballots cast		10

Meeting dissolved.

CHARLES F. GILES,

Town Clerk.

STATE ELECTION, NOV. 4, 1930.

Polls were open from 6.00 A. M. to 5.00 P. M.

The vote for Governor was as follows:

John W. Aiken—Socialist Labor Party	3
Frank G. Allen—Republican	291

Harry J. Canter—Communist	10
Joseph B. Ely—Democratic	54
Alfred Baker Lewis—Socialist	8
Blanks	6
Whole number of ballots cast	372

Eleven "absent voters" ballots were cast.

Meeting dissolved at 7.30 P. M.

CHARLES F. GILES,

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

For the year ending December 31, 1930.

Note—If any error in names or dates are noticed, or any omissions, please inform the Town Clerk.

Births recorded	19
Deaths recorded	25
Brought into Town for burial, (non-resident)	19
Marriages recorded	9

BIRTHS 1930

Date	Name of child	Name of parents
Feb. 16	Robert Prescott Smith	Forrest and Martenah
Feb. 18	Audrey Louise Page	Carl and Priscilla
March 2	Aino Linea Hintala	Eino and Aino
March 22	Richard Walter Ahlin, Jr.	Richard and Adora
April 11	Ruth Marie Stiles	Oliver and Lillian
May 6	Theodore Axel Seppala	Axel and Mamie
July 1	Janet Arlene Holmes	Allan and Estella
July 25	Eino Williams Jarvenpaa	Eino I. and T. Diana
Aug. 18	Janet Ann Stanbridge	Richard and Gladys
Sept. 19	George Thomas Moore	Edward and Gladys
Sept. 28	Donald Eric Lawrence	Eric and Eva
Oct. 10	Richard Hemming Erickson	Helge and Alli
Oct. 14	Irene Sylvia Hanninen	Otto and Josephine

Date	Name of child	Name of parents
Oct. 15	Irene Jennette Beauregard	Fortuna and Regina
Oct. 23	Woitta Alax Johnson	Isaac and Hilda
Nov. 3	Walter Eugene Chatigny, Jr.	Walter and Ruth
Dec. 28	*Charles Cochran Fenno (*Born at Manila, P. I.)	Frank W. Jr. and Avis
Dec. 30	Wesley Gary Battles	Herbert and Elizabeth
Dec.	— — —	— — —

DEATHS 1930.

Date		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 6	Philomene (Denomme) Joly	71	5	18
Feb. 21	Mary Gordon	82		
March 5	Joseph Root	67		
March 14	Harriet J. (Holden) Gilson	81		16
March 14	Ella Rose Goguen	19	6	21
April 4	Amanda J. (Hayes) Ham	83	3	
April 11	Thomas G. Dickey	87	6	14
April 12	Emma E. (Fisher) Wells	68	11	27
April 12	Donald B. Selig		6	
April 29	John M. Bean	90	6	
May 31	Sarah B. Whitney	87	4	16
June 21	Viola N. (Elliott) Burpee	79		
July 5	Angelo Zichello	45		
July 28	Frank E. Kelty	71	7	
Aug. 12	Frank A. Merriam	74	11	7
Aug. 12	Wickliffe H. Waterhouse	73	3	29
Aug. 17	Esa Sutela	64		
Sept. 12	Herbert E. Grant	80	10	14
Sept. 13	Elijah Ballou	73	5	1
Sept. 23	Henry L. Curtis	38	2	30
Nov. 7	Sarah M. (Kendall) Barnes	84	2	1
Nov. 9	Eli H. Merriam	81	5	5
Nov. 16	Fina Maki	75	8	12
Dec. 15	Francis B. Bigelow	78	10	
Dec. 24	Annie (Cullen) Harrocks	62	3	16

BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL (Non-resident)

Date of Death	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days	From
1905					
Dec. 16	Charles F. Stone	58	7	25	Leominster
1930					
Jan. 8	Ethel May Carr	50	3	16	Norfolk
Jan. 11	Alice M. Bacon	73	1		Fitchburg
Jan. 27	Julia Ann Rice	84	8	9	Keene, N. H.
Jan. 27	Lucius A. Baker	53	4	11	Leominster
March 13	Ruany Whitney	85	4	6	Ashburnham
March 26	Grace J. Whitney	54	6	25	Webster
April 20	Cora L. Rice	56	1	10	Gardner
May 7	Charles E. Haskins	61	3	13	Barre
June 14	Samuel E. Wild	78	6	29	Worcester
July 30	Henry A. Macdonald	75	11	24	Elizabethtown, Ky
Aug. 2	Axel Seppala	30	1	16	Gardner
Sept. 20	Abigail E. Stockwell	80	10	8	Worcester
Nov. 9	William B. Whitcome	61	7	6	Worcester
Nov. 26	Mary N. Hannaford	72	5	6	Newton
Nov. 27	Susan E. Brown	76	9	11	Gardner
Dec. 22	George C. Baker	74	2	12	Worcester
Dec. 23	Harriet C. Richardson	84	3	13	Fitchburg
Dec. 27	Frank O. Clark	63	4	10	Lynn

MARRIAGES 1930

Date and place of marriage.	Name	Residence
May 1	William W. Waino	Westminster
Townsend	Alli Koivu	Townsend
May 22	Roger C. Wilson	Hubbardston
Westminster	Bathenia V. Smith	W. Boylston
May 24	Dugal C. Laughton	Westminster
Newton	Helen L. White	Newton

Date and place of marriage.	Name	Residence
June 4	George N. Pike	Westminster
Everett	Ruth I. Zwicker	Everett
June 28	Kaino Poikonen	Gardner
Fitzwilliam, N. H.	Linna Krans	Westminster
July 4	Toiva T. Hill	Fitchburg
Westminster	Thelma Laukkanen	Westminster
Oct. 16	James T. Grant	Westminster
Fitchburg	Esther G. Leighton	Westminster
Nov. 15	John H. Hill	Westminster
Ashburnham	Mildred O'Day	Ashburnham
Nov. 27	Louis J. Reynolds	Westminster
Fitchburg	Irene Daigle	Fitchburg

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1930.

Licenses have been issued to the following persons:

Adams, Charles (2)	\$4	Duuri, Kalle	\$2
Aho, Arvo	2	Dyer, Alta	2
Antilla, Isaac	5	Eaton, Leon	2
Antilla, Matti	5	Ehalaianen, Otto	2
Arcangeli, G.	2	Engman, George	2
Arvio, Charles	2	Fairbanks, Cora	2
Autyo, Waino	2	French, Marshall	2
Bargland, John	5	Friberg, Eina	2
Bascomb, A. L.	2	Goodridge, J. C.	2
Bassett, Emma	5	Grant, J. T.	5
Bassett, Walter	5	Hakala, Victor	2
Battles, H. N.	5	Hamilton, E. M. (4)	11
Battles, R. W. (2)	7	Hanks, Henry	2
Bergkuist, A.	2	Hanninen, Otto (2)	4
Bernhardt, Carl (3)	6	Harris, Hiram	2
Bigelow, Frank	2	Hartwell, Lewis	2
Bilson, K. J.	2	Hayden, K.	5
Black, Luna J.	2	Heikkila, A.	2
Brackett, Wilfred	2	Helman, August	2
Braks, Emma	2	Henstridge, George	2
Brigham, Orrin	2	Herold, Oswald	5
Buckman, Wm.	2	Hetu, Albert	2
Codding, Arthur	2	Hill, John	2
Collette, Bessie	2	Hill, William	2
Corbett, Alice	2	Hills, Phillips	2
Cousins, Ivan	2	Hintala, E. (2)	4
Cummings, Bert	2	Holm, Carl (3)	6
Curtis, F. A.	2	Honkala, Oiva	5
Curtis, H. L.	5	Hussary, Andrew	5
Dawley, C. B.	2	Hutchinson, Bertha	2
Dawley, G. L.	2	Ikaheimo, J.	2
Drury, Lillian	2	Jaaskelinen, H.	2
Durling, K. J.	2	Jamsa, Jack	2

Jamsa, John	\$2	Noel, Exzeila	\$2
Johnson, Hjalma	2	Noel, Gedeon	2
Kantola, Linda	2	Page, J. H.	2
Karvonen, John (2)	4	Peltari, Nestor	2
Kestinen, H. (2)	4	Percy, Paul	2
Kinnary, Karle	2	Pokela, Eseri	2
Korkala, Kusti	2	Putney, William (3)	6
Koski, Jacob	2	Rameau, Cyril	2
Krans, Iver	2	Reed, Leslie	2
Kurikka, Victor	2	Reynolds, C. H.	2
Lahtinen, Charles	2	Reynolds, C. L. (2)	4
Laukkanen, Waino (2)	4	Rhodes, George	2
Lehtinen, Ellen	2	Rice, Leah	2
Lehtonen, Frank	2	Rinquist, Alvin	5
Leikenen, Kalle	2	Root, Mrs. Thomas	2
Leino, Leo P.	2	Sakkinen, Charles	2
Linquist, Carl	2	Sakkinen, John	2
Loughlin, P. H. Jr.	2	Salo, Andrew	2
Lynde, Chester (2)	10	Salo, August	2
MacAloney, Frank	2	Savilampa, H.	2
MacAloney, Wm. (2)	4	Schrieber, Anna	2
Maki, Emil	2	Sellman, Toivo	2
Maki, Gusti	2	Shepard, H. A.	2
Mansur, Edith	2	Sillanpaa, Victor	2
Mantilla, Chas.	2	Slade, Fred	2
McAdams, Leon	2	Smith, Ernest	2
McConlough, J.	2	Smith, John (3)	6
Mickson, Vaino (2)	4	Stanbridge, Richard	2
Montville, Laura	2	St. John, Frank	2
Moore, Edward	2	Strout, William (2)	7
Murry, James	2	Suomela, Michael	2
Nelson, Jesse	2	Tamoszaitis, M.	5
Nelson, Nils	2	Tonroos, Oscar	2
Newell, Fred	2	Towle, H. A.	2
Newton, Edmund	2	Tuomela, Peter	2
Niemi, Kasper (2)	4	Tuomi, Axel	2
Nisula, Frank	2	Tuominen, Kusti	2
Nisula, Stephen	2	Vieweg, Ernest (2)	4
Nitsche, George	2	Wainonen, E.	2

Walkonen, Hilja	\$5	Young, Eunice	\$2
Waltonen, Henry	2		
Waronen, Axel	2	Total,	\$428.00
Wartiainen, Peter	2	Clerk's fees	36.80
Wasara, Reino	2		
Waterhouse, W. H.	2	Amt. sent to County	
Wedlock, J. S.	2	to Dec. 1, 1930	\$391.20
Wilson, Victor	2		
Winter, Kusti	2	Transfer issued:	
Wiswell, George	2	Abel Wiinikainen.	
Withington, Harry	2		
Wuth, Emil (2)	4	CHARLES F. GILES,	
Yatkola, Arthur	2	Town Clerk.	

County Aid to Agriculture.

Board of Selectmen, Westminster, Mass.

Following is my report on County Aid to Agriculture, Junior Dept.

Jan. 1, 1930 balance on hand	\$76 70
Still due on poultry loans	4 00
	80 70
Poultry loans abated	4 00
Bal. on hand, Jan. 1, 1931	\$76 70

No expenditures during 1930.

No appropriation is needed at this time, as our balance seems to be sufficient to carry the work through the coming year.

The Town should appreciate the public spirit and generosity of the Local Club Leaders who gave their time and supplies the past year.

ERNEST M. VIEWEG,
Town Director.

REPORT OF CONSTABLE.

To the Selectmen:—

The following is a report of the Constable for year Jan. 1, 1930 to December 31, 1930.

During this period I have investigated:

- 114 criminal complaints
- 39 automobile accidents
- 8 stray dogs
- 4 abandoned automobiles
- 2 suicides
- 3 fires
- Attended court 15 days
- Served 10 summons and 4 warrants
- Served 2 warrants, Special Town Meetings
- Served 1 warrant for Primaries
- Served 1 dog warrant
- Recovered 1 stolen automobile

In this period I have worked 721 hours and traveled 2,453 miles on 217 calls, an average of 14 hours and 47 miles each week. The smallest month was Jan. 1930, with 17 hours and 76 miles on 14 complaints.

Largest month was July, with 136 hours and 389 miles on 34 complaints. Average wage for the year was 56½c. per hour. Average received for transportation for the year was 15½c. per mile.

In addition to this I have served 71 tax warrants, attended 18 dances at Holmes Park and drawn 3 jurors.

I have arrested and summonsed 24 persons on the following charges:

Drunkenness 3
 Operating under influence 1
 Cruelty to animals 1
 Juveniles 5
 Allowing unlicensed person to operate 2
 Operating with no license 2
 Going away after accident 1
 Picking berries 4
 Trespassing 4
 Manufacture of liquor 1
 Keeping liquor with intent to sell 2
 Malicious mischief 1
 Larceny of motor vehicle 1
 Suspicious character 1

Of those arrested and summonsed 12 were fined \$455. 2 appealed fines of \$350. 6 discharged, 1 probation 3 months, 1 turned over to Police of Troy, N. H. Of the 5 juveniles

1 sentenced indefinitely to Shirley Industrial School with sentence suspended 1 year. 1 sentenced to Lyman School. 1 returned to Boys' School at Meriden, Conn. 2 on probation 1 year.

There were 4 fatal accidents in Town the past year. 14 serious accidents and 21 minor accidents reported to me.

I would recommend the Town seriously consider a permanent patrol of highways from May 1 to October 1, or some method of a check on speeding through the Town limits and especially on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

HAROLD A. TOWLE,

Constable.

REPORT OF HIGHWAYS

Under Chapter 81.

January 1, 1931.

Board of Selectmen,
Westminster, Mass.

Gentlemen:

REPORT OF WORK DONE ON WESTMINSTER ROADS DURING THE YEAR 1930—UNDER CHAPTER 81.

1—Ellis Road:

Dragged twice. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Removed stones. Covered 1700 ft. with gravel.

2—Carter Road:

Dragged twice. Removed stones. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 2200 ft. with gravel.

3—Frog Hollow Road:

Dragged and scraped. Removed stones. Cut and burned brush.

4—Knower Road:

Scraped. Dragged twice. Cleaned one culvert. Cut and burned brush. Covered 4200 ft. with gravel. Removed stones.

5—Cross Road:

Dragged and scraped. Cut and burned brush. Removed stones. Covered 300 ft. with gravel.

6—Minott Road:

Scraped. Dragged. Cut and burned brush Covered 2,000 ft.
with gravel. Removed stones.

7—Minott Place:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush.

8—Newton Road:

Scraped. Dragged. Cut and burned brush. Removed stones.

9—Harrington Road:

Dragged three times. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Re-
moved stones. Covered 900 ft. with gravel.

10—Foster Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Removed stones.

11—Hubbardston Road:

Scraped. Dragged twice. Patched three times. Cut and
burned brush. Removed stones. Oiled .4. Covered 850 ft.
with gravel.

12—Princeton or Park Road:

Shoulders dragged. Cut and burned brush. Cleaned gutter.
Patched four times. Applied tar entire length.

18—Worcester Road:

Shoulders dragged. Cut and burned brush. Cleaned gutter.
Patched four times. Covered with tar the entire length.

14—Town Farm Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 500 ft.
with gravel. Removed stones. Blasted ledge.

15—Howard Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 500 ft. with gravel.
Dragged. Removed stones.

16—Batherick Road:

Scraped. Dragged. Cut and burned brush. Removed stones.
Covered 300 ft. with gravel.

17—Depot Road:

Dragged three times. Scraped. Cut and burned brush.
Scarified and rolled 1200 ft. Covered entire length with gravel.

18—Curtis Road:

Scraped. Removed stones. Cut and burned brush.

19—Old Fitchburg or Ramo Road:

Cut and burned brush. Covered 450 ft. with gravel. Dragged
and scraped.

20—Old Turnpike or 5th. Mass. Turnpike:

Scraped. Dragged. Cut and burned brush. Covered 50 ft.
with gravel. Removed stones.

21—Bean Hill:

Scraped. Removed stones. Cut and burned brush. Covered
8000 ft. with gravel. 100 ft. rock fill.

22—Potato Hill:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 1000 ft. with gravel.
90 ft. rock fill. Removed stones.

23—Page Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Cut and burned brush.

24—Old Ashburnham Turnpike:

Cut and burned brush. Covered 100 ft. with gravel.

25—Roper Road:

Covered 200 ft. with gravel.

26—Dawley Road:

Scraped. Dragged. Cut and burned brush. Removed stones.
Covered 1700 ft. with gravel.

27—Ray Road:

Oiled 1 m. Patched three times.

28—Academy Hill:

Oiled 3 m. Patched three times Covered 50 ft. with gravel.

29—West Princeton Road:

Scraped. Dragged twice. Removed stones. Cut and burned brush. Covered 3,800 ft. with gravel.

30—Fitchburg Road:

Dragged twice. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Removed stones. Covered 1200 ft. with gravel.

31—Davis Road:

Dragged twice. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 3800 ft. with gravel. Removed stones.

32—Lanes:

Scraped. Dragged twice. Cut and burned brush. Removed stones. Covered 600 ft. with gravel.

33—Bolton Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Removed stones. Covered 1700 ft. with gravel. Installed 12 in. corrugated pipe 48 ft. long.

34—East Road:

Dragged three times. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Removed stones.

35—Gate House Road:

Scraped. Dragged. Cut and burned brush. Built 2550 feet under Chap. 90. This portion graded, widened, stone fill laid and gravelled ready for tar to be applied in spring.

36—Cody Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Removed stones. Cut and burned brush.

87—Notown Road:

Dragged twice. Scraped. Removed stones. Cut and burned brush. Covered 300 ft. with gravel.

88—Nichols Road:

Patched three times. Oiled 4 m.

89—Stone Hill Road:

Dragged twice. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Removed stones. Covered 100 ft. with gravel.

40—Newcomb Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 1000 ft. with gravel. Removed stones. Cleaned two culverts.

41—Battles Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 1800 ft. with gravel. Dragged. Removed stones. Cleaned one culvert.

42—Marshall Hill Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Removed stones.

43—Leominster or East Main Street:

Patched three times. Cut and burned brush. Oiled entire length. Cleaned one culvert. Installed one 12 in. corrugated pipe 36 ft. long.

44—Hanks Hill Road:

Scraped. Removed stones. Cut and burned brush. Covered 50 ft. with gravel.

45—Round Meadow Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Dragged twice. Removed stones. Covered 50 ft. with gravel.

46—West Main Street:

Dragged twice. Cut and burned brush. Covered 8100 ft. with gravel. Scraped. Removed stones.

47—State Colony Road:

Dragged four times. Cut and burned brush. Scraped.

48—Shady Avenue:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 400 ft. with gravel.

Dragged. Removed stones.

49—Sargent Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 350 ft. with gravel.

Dragged. Removed stones.

50—Beech Hill Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 2800 ft. with gravel.

Dragged. Removed stones.

51—Pleasant Street:

Patched three times. Oiled entire length. Installed one 12 in. corrugated pipe 36 ft. long.

52—Adams Road:

No work reported.

53—Elliot Road:

Oiled entire length. Patched three times. Cut and burned brush.

54—Overlook Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 1100 ft. with gravel. Removed stones.

55—Bacon Road:

Patched three times. Cut and burned brush. Oiled 2. Applied tar 4. Scarified, rolled and applied tar 5. Cleaned one culvert.

56—Brooks Avenue:

Cleaned one culvert.

57—North Common Road:

Cut and burned brush. Dragged twice. Scraped. Removed stones. Covered 5 m. with gravel.

58—East Gardner Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Removed stones. Cut and burned brush. Covered 1300 ft. with gravel.

59—Morseman Road:

Dragged. Cut and burned brush. Scraped.

60—Bragg Hill Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Removed stones. Cut and burned brush. Covered 3500 ft. with gravel.

61—South Ashburnham Road:

Dragged twice. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Built 2800 ft. of road under Chap. 90.

62—Needham Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush.

63—Barrel Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Removed stones. Covered 100 ft. with gravel.

64—Newton Road:

Dragged. Scraped. Removed stones. Cut and burned brush.

65—Dean Hill Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 2100 ft. with gravel. Dragged. Removed stones.

66—Fred Smith Road:

Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Covered 800 ft. with gravel.

67—Old Ashburnham Road :

Dragged. Scraped. Cut and burned brush. Removed stones.

68—Dean Hill Cross Road :

Dragged. Scraped. Removed stones. Cut and burned brush.

69—Pond Street.

No work reported.

AMOUNTS EXPENDED ON ROADS IN TOWN OF WESTMINSTER
IN 1930—UNDER CHAPTER 81.

Road	Amount
1 Ellis	\$379 20
2 Carter	269 05
3 Frog Hollow	50 20
4 Knower	522 90
5 Cross	82 60
6 Minott	371 70
7 Minott Place	20 15
8 Newton	23 10
9 Harrington	144 20
10 Foster	43 30
11 Hubbardston	478 00
12 Princeton or Park	49 30
13 Worcester	91 90
14 Town Farm	189 60
15 Howard	127 75
16 Batherick	114 50
17 Depot	1,061 38
18 Curtis	10 10
19 Old Fitchburg or Raymo	63 20
20 Old Fifth Turnpike	129 35
21 Bean Hill	399 60
22 Potato Hill	206 95
28 Page	

Road	Amount
24 Old Ashburnham Turnpike	\$99 80
25 Roper	
26 Dawley	226 00
27 Ray	
28 Academy Hill	104 70
29 West Princeton	841 25
30 Fitchburg	245 40
31 Davis	845 55
32 Lanes	125 80
33 Bolton	146 30
34 East	286 35
35 Gate House	31 40
36 Cody	35 10
37 No Town	122 95
38 Nichols	156 15
39 Stone Hill	70 40
40 Newcomb	137 65
41 Battles	142 50
42 Marshall Hill	54 00
43 Leominster or East Main	635 60
44 Hanks Hill	25 40
45 Round Meadow	36 10
46 West Main	339 00
47 State Colony	105 45
48 Shady Avenue	91 70
49 Sargent	184 10
50 Beech Hill	191 70
51 Pleasant	89 40
52 Adams	
53 Elliott	19 80
54 Overlook	163 15
55 Bacon	261 25
56 Brook Avenue	
57 North Common	577 48
58 East Gardner	166 10

Road	Amount
59 Morseman	\$30 75
60 Bragg Hill	433 10
61 South Ashburnham	470 02
62 Needham	12 50
63 Barrell	62 90
64 Newton	11 25
65 Dean Hill	191 60
66 Fred Smith	101 80
67 Old Ashburnham	31 97
68 Dean Hill Cross Roads	13 40
69 Pond Street	
Town line signs	5 20
Gas and oil	12 41
Kerosene	1 40
Sand and gravel	417 35
Machinery	200 00
Machinery repairs	176 20
Tools	78 13
Tool repairs	88 20
Road oil	1,107 03
Culverts	52 40
Coal	6 74
Cement	4 00
Blasting supplies	20 00
Express	11 41
Lumber	2 55
Tarmac	275 16
Guard rail posts	145 00
Miscellaneous	10 25

Total

 \$14,706 28

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. JOHNSTON,

District Engineer,

Approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Westminster, Mass., Jan. 1, 1931.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby have the honor to submit for your approval our third and the twelfth annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31st, 1930.

This year we have answered a great many more alarms than ever before. This condition, however, seems to exist in many places.

FIRE RECORD.

This year we have answered fifty-six alarms, or eighteen more than last year. These are classed as follows:

Buildings	9	Chimneys	13
Brush	27	Automobiles	5
Gas fires	1	False	1

The largest of these fires was the barn owned by Chester Newton where considerable property was endangered.

Our largest brush fire was on land owned by Crocker, Burbank Co. This fire was caused by the railroad and cost nearly one hundred dollars, which added to a three hundred dollar cut which we accepted at the last town meeting forced us to neglect some things we had planned to do.

In extinguishing these fires we have travelled two hundred and eighty-nine miles, laid eight thousand nine hundred and fifty feet of two

and one half inch hose, raised five hundred and thirty-four feet of ladders, used one hundred and sixty-two pump cans, and eighty-eight hand chemicals, or two hundred and fifty-four gallons of chemicals.

HOSE.

We have in service two thousand feet of two and one half inch double jacket, rubber lined hose which is in good condition.

APPARATUS.

One five hundred gallon Seagrave Pump. This machine was purchased by the committee that was appointed at the last town meeting.

Your committee was mindful at all times of your welfare and after careful consideration purchased this machine at the cost of fifty-seven hundred dollars (\$5,700)

This machine is equipped with an eighty-five gallon booster tank which is twenty gallons more than regular equipment. Three ten foot lengths of four inch suction hose or ten feet more than regular equipment. One twenty-eight foot ladder in place of a twenty-four foot ladder. One fourteen foot ladder in place of a twelve foot ladder, also thirty feet of one and one half inch suction hose which can be used where there is only a well or small amount of water. One search light, two hand chemicals and other regular equipment. This machine is capable of delivering five hundred gallons per minute or any part thereof. This machine was delivered and accepted by your committee, September 18th, 1930. We believe that this machine should be a source of pride to every citizen in this town.

And at this time we want to thank all those who voted to make it possible to purchase this truck.

One Reo Hose Truck and ladders. This machine should be painted this year and also have at least two new tires.

One Ford Howe Pump which we will use for brush fire work and as an auxiliary piece. However, we are forced to put this machine in

storage during the winter months on account of having no warm place to keep the same.

REPAIRS.

We will be forced to put a new ceiling in the truck room in the fire station but there is very little else outside of general repairs. This year we were forced to enlarge the entrance so as to make space for the new pump.

The basin at the McAllister place is again in very bad shape, and must be cleaned out again this year.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend that the engine house at Whitmanville be abolished. This building is badly in need of repairs and we do not feel that we should spend any money on the same.

We recommend that hand engine at Whitmanville be sold.

We recommend that there be some steps taken to make pumping conditions at the basin better.

We recommend that in the near future some steps be taken to secure water in the Fire Station at the Center.

We are housing nearly ten thousand dollars worth of Fire Fighting Equipment and we demand that this be taken care of.

It is no easy task to carry water to wash machines, fill chemicals, and water for the heater.

In conclusion we wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Town Accountant for their assistance and to all citizens who in any way assisted this Department. Also to all Officers and Members of the Department we wish to return our thanks for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully yours,
 F. S. SMITH,
 HERBERT L. ROWE,
 RAYMOND I. STOCKWELL,
 Board of Fire Engineers.

In Memoriam.

The year of 1930 closed the book of life for one who for more than fifty years had given of his time and energy to the Fire Department. He was ready and willing to do his duty and could be relied upon to do that which was entrusted to him.

In the passing of FRANK E. KELTY the Fire Department lost a loyal friend and the Town a faithful servant.

Report of Committee for Care of World War Memorial.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1930.

Appropriation	\$75 00	
Expended	65 35	
Balance unexpended		\$9 65

For details see Report of Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE T. DAWLEY,
IDA E. MERRIAM,
M. NELLIE MILLER,

Committee.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Taxes 1928.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1930		\$163 83
Payments to Treasurer	148 78	
Abatements	15 05	
		163 88

Taxes 1929.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1930		11,560 80
Error in abatement		13 89
		11,573 69
Payments to Treasurer	11,361 75	
Abatements	71 60	
Error in poll tax commitment	4 00	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1930	136 34	
(Since paid to Treasurer)		11,573 69

Taxes 1930.

Commitment of Taxes		52,359 76
Payments to Treasurer	34,624 32	
Abatements	160 10	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1930	17,575 34	
		52,359 76

Interest.

Previous years, 1928	\$3.02	
1929	309 97	
Current year	19 14	
		\$332 18

Moth Tax 1928.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1930		1 60
Payments to Treasurer		1 60

Moth Tax 1929.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1930		60 03
Payments to Treasurer	54 91	
Error in commitment	2 50	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1930	2 62	
		60 08
(Since paid to Treasurer)		

Moth Tax 1930.

Commitment		164 31
Payments to Treasurer	74 93	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1930	89 38	
		164 31

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1929.

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1930		337 56
Error in abatement		11 47
Overpayment to Treasurer		29 08
		378 11
Payments to Treasurer	356 76	

Abatements	\$21 85	
		\$378 11
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1930.		
Commitment April, July, Oct. and Dec.		3,481 81
Overpayment to Treasurer		270 88
		3,752 19
Payments to Treasurer	3,426 84	
Abatements	106 03	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1930	219 32	
		3,752 19

WINDSOR F. NEAL,
Tax Collector.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

In common with other towns, we have had an unusual amount of relief work the past year; especially in cases for the state, and other towns. This has been a heavy tax on our appropriation. The town has been represented at all meetings of the Charlton Home Farm Association which is in a very prosperous condition. Three persons have been aided at the Home Farm, most of the time and for a few weeks there were four. Six persons have been aided in their homes, and seventeen families have been aided.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS W. FRENCH, Chairman,
CYRUS T. MILLER,
MAUD I. MILLER, Clerk,
Board of Public Welfare.

Report of the Charlton Home Farm Association.

For the Year ending December 31, 1930.

RECEIPTS.

Inmates' Board	\$10,471 88
Milk	2,019 87
Produce, etc.	117 60
Stock	219 00
Interest	13 96
Balance Jan. 1, 1930	1,123 60

\$18,970 41

EXPENDITURES.

H. D. Sargent and Wife	\$1,800 00
Help, inside and out	1,274 29
Miscellaneous	980 38
Groceries	1,110 30
Meat and Provisions	1,504 30
Grain	1,948 90
Coal	560 37
Gasoline and Oil	166 95
Supplies	691 15
Tobacco	212 37
General Repairs	302 90

Electricity	\$128 81
Telephone	37 45
Fertilizer and seed	343 15
Insurance	82 24
Medical attendance	58 00
	\$11,196 45
Balance in favor of Association	2,773 96

There were inmates from the following towns:

Auburn, Ashburnham, Brookfield, Charlton, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holden, Leicester, Millbury, Oakham, Paxton, Rutland, Warren, Westminster, West Boylston and West Brookfield.

No inmates from Berlin, Boylston, Dana, Holland and Hubbardston, New Braintree, Princeton and Sterling.

The Association is fortunate in being able to retain the services of Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Sargent as Warden and Matron.

The inventory of the personal property, taken January 1, 1930, shows a slight increase over last year. February 1930, Mr. Edward A. Lamb resigned as Vice President and Auditor, and at the Quarterly Meeting, April 1, 1930, Mr. John G. Hammond of Charlton, was chosen Vice President and Mr. Carl F. Davis, West Brookfield, Auditor.

Respectfully submitted,

H. N. SHEPARD, President.

LOUIS M. HANFF, Sec'y and Treas.

Charlton, Mass., Jan. 1, 1931.

AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR 1930.

I have audited all bills of the Association for the year ending Dec. 31, 1930, including money received and expended, and have found them correct; also all checks which were signed by the President and Treasurer.

CARL F. DAVIS,

Auditor.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

Town appropriations	\$74,287 09
State tax	1,540 00
State Highway tax	801 40
Snow removal tax	394 96
Auditing accounts tax	103 20
County tax	2,508 00
Overlay	973 16

\$80,607 81

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Income tax	8,163 82
Motor Vehicle Excise tax	3,000 00
Corporation tax	635 73
Bank tax	212 01
Licenses	120 00
Fines	180 00
Special assessments	156 90
General government	475 00
Protection of persons and property	94 40
Charities	521 12
Schools	10,665 90
Libraries	22 55
Recreation	530 25
Public Service Enterprises	900 00

Cemeteries	\$169 64	
Interest on deposits	835 14	
Interest on taxes and assessments	400 60	
Reimbursement for loss of taxes	1,228 87	
		\$28,311 43
Net amount raised by taxation		52,296 38
Total valuation, \$1,353.010 at \$38 per 1,000		51,414 38
441 polls at \$2.00		882 00
		52,296 38
Local moth tax		164 31
Assessors' warrant to Collector		52,460 69

VALUATIONS.

Buildings	678,405	
Land	482,285	
Personal property	242,320	
		1,353,010

DECEMBER ASSESSMENT.

Real estate	1,400	
Personal	110	
	1,510 at \$38 per \$1000	57 38
3 polls at \$2		6 00
		63 38
Number of dwellings	593	
Number of horses	141	
Number of cows	464	
Number of other cattle	106	
Number of sheep	6	
Number of swine	16	
Number of fowls	3,065	

ARNO E. HURD,
E. J. RAYMOND,
Assessors of Westminster,

TOWN ACCOUNTANT.

RECEIPTS—1930.

Taxes.

Current Year:

Poll	\$546 00
Personal	7,841 66
Real Estate	26,236 66

\$34,624 32

Received from Fitchburg in lieu of Taxes

767 52

Previous Years:

1928—Poll	16 00
Personal	19 89
Real Estate	112 89

148 78

1929—Poll	230 00
Personal	861 30
Real Estate	10,270 45

11,361 75

From State, Corporation, Bank, etc.:

From State:

Income Tax 1929	286 00
Income Tax	118 00
Income Tax 1930 valuation	5,280 00
Income Tax 1930 school	3,435 00

Corporation Tax, Business	\$534 69
Corporation Tax, Pub. Service	181 33
National Bank Tax 1929	80
National Bank Tax 1930	3 22
Trust Co. Tax	28 38
Massachusetts School Fund	4,396 05
High School Tuition	228 57
High School Tuition	2,208 00
Union School Superintendent	773 33
English Speaking Adults	150 93
Vocational Aid	547 74

\$18,167 04

Transportation, High Pupils
(to be received in March, \$2,772.83)

From Licenses :

Junk	9 00
Revolver	7 00
Milk	10 00
Gas	25 00
Sunday	40 00
Common Victualers	34 00
Hawkers	3 00
Inn Holders	2 00
Alcohol	9 00
Golf	51 00

190 00

From Court Fines	101 00
From Dog Licenses	300 89

From Hager Park Trustees :

Wood for Town Hall	129 00
Wood for Library	42 00
Wood for Schools	325 00

496 00

From Moth Assessments :

1928	\$1 60
1929	54 91
1930	74 93

 \$181 44

From Motor Vehicle Excise Tax :

1929	356 76
1930	3,426 84

 3,783 60

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Town Hall :

Rent	362 00
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

Account of Gypsy Moth	17 50
Fire Dept , tires sold	8 00

Inspection :

Animals	51 90
Sealer's fees	33 26
Brush fire, B. & M.	91 40
State Forestry account	46 30

 222 86

HEALTH AND SANITATION.

Dental Clinic :

Individuals	64 14
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HIGHWAYS AND STATE ROAD.

From State, Chap. 81	7,700 00
From State, Ashburnham road, 1929, Chap. 90	888 57

From State, Ashburnham road, 1930, Chap. 90	\$3,000 00
From State, Gate House road, Chap. 90	2,540 01
From State, Worcester road, Chap. 90	1,787 45

\$15,416 08

From County, Ashburnham road, 1929, Chap. 90	388 56
From County, Ashburnham road, 1930, Chap. 90	3,000 00
From County, Gate House road, Chap. 90	2,540 01
From County, Worcester road, Chap. 90	1,787 45

7,716 02

From Sale of Tractor	50 00
From Sale of Truck	45 00

95 00

CHARITIES.

Reimbursement from Cities and Towns.

From State for State Aid	144 00
From State, Veterans' exemption	79 96
From State, Mothers' Aid	26 67
From State, Temporary Aid	375 00
From Towns	386 43

1,012 06

SCHOOLS.

Sale of No. 3 School house	50 00
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LIBRARY.

From fines	16 34
From books sold	23 63

39 97

UNCLASSIFIED.

For broken light globe	\$2 50
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CEMETERIES.

For grass sold	\$22 00
For Care of Lots	272 50
For burials	839 50
For digging graves	39 00

673 00

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Revenue loan No. 40	25,000 00
Revenue loan No. 41	10,000 00
Revenue loan No. 42	10,600 00
Fire Engine loan	4,200 00

49,800 00

INTEREST.

Taxes 1928	3 02
Taxes 1929	309 97
Taxes 1930	19 14

332 13

Income from Trust Funds.

(Credited to Library).

Town Library Fund	87 75
Child's Library Fund	7 33
George A. Miller Library Fund	95 04
P. P. Ellis Library Fund	25 00
Haws Library Fund	52 50
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	25 00
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	47 50
A. R. Hager Library Fund	30 00

Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	\$15 00
Farnsworth Library Fund	26 26

\$411 38

From Gardner Trust Co., int. on bank dep's	137 88
Interest on Water Fund	727 48

865 31

Trust and Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	950 00
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Refunds and Transfers:

Refunds:

Loss of Taxes	717 95
Snow and ice	37 02
Forestry	4 50
Cemeteries	4 00

763 47

Transfers: (Interest transfered to cash)

Smith Poor Fund	2,070 06
Forbush Poor Fund	169 40
Upton School Fund	1,062 19
Hager School Fund	775 00
M. A. Greed Cemetery Wall Fund	149 00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	556 64

\$4,782 29

Total Receipts \$153,656 00

Cash on hand January 1, 1930 10,272 81

\$163,928 81

EXPENDITURES.

General Government.

Legislative:

Moderator

\$5 00

Selectmen:

Salaries \$225 00

Printing and postage 8 61

Carfare, team, etc. 8 08

Supplies 2 38

Telephone and other expense 12 85

\$256 92

Accountant:

Salary 400 00

Printing and postage 1 85

Telephone and other expense 6 77

408 62

Treasurer:

Salary 75 00

Surety bond 50 00

Telephone 20 90

145 90

Collector:

Salary 513 90

Surety bond 75 00

Supplies 55 79

644 69

Assessors:

Salaries 225 00

Printing and postage 14 83

All other expense 3 00

242 83

Other Finance Accounts:

Rent of Safety Deposit Box	\$28 58
Certification of Notes	14 00
Printing	18 45
Supplies	57 78

\$113 81**Law:**

Services of Lawyers	30 00
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Town Clerk:

Salary	75 00
Bond	2 50
Printing and postage	5 65
Supplies	6 50
All other expense	11 02

100 67**Election and Registration:****Wages for services.**

Registrars	47 00
Election Officers	47 25
Printing and postage	6 75

91 00**(Appropriation \$2,000. Overdraft \$49.44)****Town Hall:****Salary.**

Janitor	300 00
Other labor	9 00
Water rent	18 75
Fuel	115 50
Lights	87 81
Janitor's supplies	11 55
Repairs	109 60
Telephone	12 00

Insurance	\$184 31
All other expense	4 ⁰⁰

 \$852 02

(Appropriation \$1,000. Bal. \$147.98)

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

Constables:

Wages for Investigating Complaints	267 00
Investigating automobile accidents	71 50
Investigating dog complaints	16 50
Copying and Posting Warrants	37 10
Serving Summonses	13 00
Court fees	68 00
Transportation	895 50
Telephone and other expense	34 15

 902 75

Appropriation	\$600.00
Trans. from Reserve Fund	802.75

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages.

Engineers	30 00
Firemen	625 50
Out of town help	22 00
Other labor	120 84
Supplies	24 52
Equipment	35 70
Hose	80 00
Repairs	12 04
Gas	27 82
Fire alarm and repairs on same	11 25
Fuel	128 00

Building and Grounds.

Repairs	92 00
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Telephone and other expense	\$60 01	
		\$1,269 18
Forestry:		
Salary, Forest Warden	25 00	
Posting notices	4 00	
Firemen, (brush fires)	218 75	
		242 75
(Appropriation \$1,500. Overdraft \$11.93)		1,511 93
Special Appropriation for Forestry	100 00	
Refund on carboy	4 50	
Expended		104 48
Balance	.02	
New Fire Engine:		
(Appropriation \$5,700)		5,700 00
Moth Department:		
Wages	345 00	
Teams or trucks	158 25	
Insecticides	112 52	
Gas, supplies, etc.	7 81	
		623 58
(Appropriation \$685.99. Bal. \$12.41)		
Sealer of Weights and Measures:		
Salary	50 00	
Equipment	17 72	
		67 72
(Appropriation \$75. Bal. \$7.28)		
Tree Warden:		
Wages	91 00	
Trucks or teams	7 50	
		98 50
(Appropriation \$100. Bal. \$1.50.)		

Board of Health:**General Administration.**

Wages	\$17 75
Other expense	1 00
Labor, cleaning public dump	70 88
Tuberculosis treatment at sanitarium	966 98
Returns of Births, Deaths, Burials and Marriages	51 75
Inspection of School Children	75 00
Inspection of animals	118 50
Inspection of meats and provisions	83 40

 \$1,385 26

(Appropriation \$1,500. Balance \$114.74.)

Highways—Chap. 81:**General Administration.**

Labor	6,966 35
Telephone, freight, etc.	20 41
Trucks or teams	2,318 25
Stone, gravel, etc.	283 45
Equipment and repairs	594 52
Gas, oil and all other expense	1,551 03

 11,784 01

Received from State \$7,700.
 Appropriation 3,850.
 Transfer from Reserve Fund 184.01

Bridges:

Labor	59 85
Lumber	34 40
All other expense	16 60

 110 85

(Appropriation \$500. Bal. 389.15)

Back Roads:

Labor	\$1,390 75
Trucks	529 40
Gravel	79 65

\$1,999 80

(Appropriation \$2000. Balance .20)

Depot Road Special:

Labor	667 70
Trucks or teams	270 40
Gravel	61 50

999 60

(Appropriation \$1000. Balance .40)

Gate House Road, Chap. 90:

Labor	4,721 98
Trucks or teams	1,048 92
Gravel	151 86
Culverts	448 97
Coal	66 50
Equipment	51 11
Cement	5 25
Guard rail posts	109 09
Trucking posts	17 06

6,615 24

Allotment from State,	\$3,000.00	Rec. \$2,540.01
Due from State	106.08	
Unexpended Bal.	247.82	
Allotment from County,	\$3,000.00	Rec. \$2,540.01
Due from County	106.08	
Unexpended Bal.	247.83	
Appropriated by Town	\$1,500.00	
Bal.	176.95	

Maintenance Worcester Road, Chap. 90:

Labor	\$1,858 02
Trucks or teams	497 65
Gravel	32 15
Equipment and supplies	24 10
Traffic Signs	74 25
Route Signs	165 00
Surface oil	1,628 08

 \$4,279 25

(Appropriation \$800. Bal. 86.79)

Allotment from State	\$2,000.	Rec. 1,787.45
Overpayment State	4.48	
Unexpended Bal.	212.55	
Allotment from County	2,000.	Rec. 1,787.45
Overpayment County	4.48	
Unexpended Bal.	212.55	

Ashburnham Road, Chap. 90.

1929 work continued.

Labor	916 45
Trucks or teams	34 40
Supplies	19 88

 970 73

Bal. Jan. 1, 1930	194.37	
Rec. from State	388.56	
Rec. from County	388.57.	Bal. .77

1930 Work.

Labor	3,985 70
Trucks or teams	1,254 45
Gas	37 99
Gravel	88 05
Tarvia	778 01
Surface oil	211 92
Trucking posts	428 80

Posts		\$402 50	
Guard rails		305 60	
Other expense		16 08	
			\$7,499 10
State allotment	3,000		
County allotment	3,000		
Town appropriation	1,500	Balance .90.	
Street Lighting Contract, Appro.	\$1,640.04		1,640 04
Watering Tubs and Guide Boards			37 88
(Appropriation \$100. Bal. \$62.12.)			
Snow and Ice Removal:			
Labor		505 80	
Teams or trucks		60 05	
Snow Fence		184 85	
Insurance		19 20	
Repairs and all other expense		320 55	
			1,040 45
(Appropriation \$2,000. Bal. \$959.55.)			
Sidewalk Maintenance:			
Snow removal and Sanding.			
Labor		73 48	
Teams		6 75	
			80 23
(Appropriation \$100. Bal. \$19.77.)			
Sidewalk Repairs:			
Labor		16 95	
All other expense		8 00	
			24 95
(Appropriation \$100. Bal. \$75.05)			

CHARITIES.

Board of Public Welfare.

General Administration.

Salaries	\$70 00
Printing and postage	40
Other expenses	19 29
Board and care	417 14
Groceries and provisions	638 74
Fuel	88 73
Medical attendance	155 27
Other expense	75 00
Allowance (reimbursed by State)	515 71
Allowance (reimbursed by other towns)	369 29
Allowance (reimbursed by other cities)	60 00
Allowance Mother's Aid, (reimbursed by State)	208 57
Outside Hospital expense	317 00
Charlton Home Farm	733 16

\$3,668 30

Interest trans. from Smith fund 2,070.06
 Interest trans. from Forbush fund 169.40
 Board of Public Welfare 1,428 84
 (Appropriation \$1,000. Overdraft 428.84)

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS.

(Appropriation \$100. Balance \$100.)

State Aid: 190 00

Rec. from State \$144. Overdraft \$46.

SCHOOLS.

School Committee:

Salaries 225 00

Printing, postage and other expenses	\$55 78	
Telephone	56 15	
		\$336 88

Supt. of Schools.

Salary	1,170 00	
Traveling expenses	312 67	
School census	25 00	
		1,507 67

Supervisors:**Salaries.**

Music Teacher	560 00	
Drawing Teacher	560 00	
Nurse	600 00	
Traveling expenses	365 80	
		2,085 80

Teachers.**Salaries.**

Junior High	4,123 00	
Elementary	7,464 50	
Evening school	243 75	
Other expenses	18 76	
		11,850 01

Bonuses, (for Teachers in District schools—Hager Fund) 775 00

Mass. Teachers' Retirement Fund 547 00

Text Books and Supplies.

Jr. High, books	874 31	
supplies	443 68	
Elementary, books	290 17	
supplies	279 40	
Evening school, books and supplies	13 44	
		1,400 95

Tuition.

High	\$4,812 49
Elementary	498 50

 \$5,305 99

Transportation.

High	8,156 00
Jr. High	2,073 97
Elementary	4,326 03

 9,556 00

Janitors' Services.

Jr. High	525 00
Elementary	902 50

 1,427 50

Fuel.

Jr. High	518 54
Elementary	705 25

 1,223 79

Lights

83 94

Water

62 50

Maintenance of Building and Grounds.

Jr. High.

Repairs	398 69
All other	82 96

 481 65

Elementary

Repairs	813 52
All other	2 00

 815 52

Pump outfit for well

652 58

Furniture and Fixtures.

Elementary	\$30 00
Graduating exercises and Prize Speaking expenses	27 87
Insurance	149 22
Medical attendance	2 00
	\$37,821 37

Appropriation	\$86,000.00.	Balance \$15.82
Int. Upton School Fund	1,062.19.	
Int. Hager School Fund	775.00.	
	(87,837.19)	

Tuition at Vocational School:

Tuition	861 89
Transportation	284 08

645 97

(Appropriation \$600. Overdraft \$45.97)

LIBRARY.**Salaries and wages.**

Librarian	461 49
Assistants	245 00
Janitor	180 00

886 49

Books and Periodicals.

Books	548 92
Periodicals	107 25
Book binding	73 58
Supplies, stationery and postage	48 68

778 38

Building.

Repairs	\$60 93	
Care of grounds	7 00	
Fuel	70 00	
Lights	74 43	
Janitor's supplies	6 95	
		\$219 81
		1,879 18

Bal. Jan. 1, 1930	\$67.08	
Appropriation	1,100.00	Balance .17
Income from Trust Funds	411.38	
Dog Tax	300.89	

UNCLASSIFIED.

Liability Insurance (Appropriation \$500.)	Bal. \$103	397 60
Care of Town Clock (Appropriation \$20.)		20 00
Memorial Day (Appropriation \$125.)		125 00
Printing Town Reports (Appropriation \$368.85)		368 85
School house Problem, (Appropriation \$300. Bal. 286.)		14 00
Assessment Hospital appor'nt (Appropriation \$174.72)		174 72
Water Problem, (\$2000. Balance \$1907.40)		92 60
Dental Clinic (Appropriation \$253.14)		253 14
Storage Garage, (Appropriation \$1500)		1,500 00
Special appro., 1929, bill for shovels, \$8.		8 00

World War Memorial.

Mowing grass and all other work on grounds	49 60	
Labor and paint on flag pole	4 00	
Fertilizer	8 25	
Labor on stone	1 50	
Sharpening lawn mower	2 00	
		65 35

(Appropriation \$75. Bal. \$9.65.)

Miscellaneous.

Blue Prints	\$3 74
Insurance on S. of W. & M. Scales	51 75
Repairs on Cupboard	12 50
Piping Narrows Watering Tub	150 00
Fixing grounds to Garage	72 40
Repairs on fountain	5 00

 \$295 89

(Appropriation \$400. Balance \$104.61)

HAGER PARK TRUSTEES.

Cutting and yarding wood	173 81
Delivering wood	150 77
Expense of administration	25 00

 349 58

(Appropriation \$400. Bal. 50.42)

CEMETERIES.

Labor, care of lots	1,099 20
Burials	277 50
Repairs and other expense	37 63

 1,414 33

(Appropriation \$1500. Refund \$4. Bal. \$89.67.)

M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Work, (Interest trans.)	149 00
Perpetual Care of lots, (Interest trans.)	556 64

INTEREST.

Temporary Loans.

Interest on Plow loan	72
Rev, loan No. 89	359 89

Rev. loan No. 40	\$575 00
Rev. loan No. 41	221 78

\$1,228 17

(Appropriation \$1,200. Overdraft \$28.17)

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Loans in anticipation of revenue	40,000 00
Payment on principal, Snow Plow loan	1,600 00

AGENCY AND TRUST.

Agency.

County tax	2,508 00
State tax	1,540 00
State Highway tax	801 40
Snow and Ice Removal tax	394 96
Auditing Municipal Accounts tax	108 20

5,347 56

Trust.

Investment of Perpetual Care Funds	950 00
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REFUNDS.

Motor Vehicle Tax Refunds	413 69
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Total Balances, \$4,744.24	Total Payments, \$149,855 65
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Total overdrafts, \$564.35	Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1930,	14,073 16
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\$163,928 81

FLORENCE B. RICE,

Town Accountant.

Trust Fund Cash and Securities.	Amount		Income 1930	Income		Ded'ct Dunn St'k no value	New Trust		Amount
	Jan. 1, 1930	Jan. 1, 1931		spent	Funds		Jan. 1, 1931		
F. W. Smith Poor Fund	\$35,922 63	\$1,766 10	\$2,070 06						\$35,618 67
J. W. Forbush Poor Fund	1,987 05	96 95	169 40						1,914 60
Upton School Fund	11,239 22	1,196 78	1,062 19						11,373 81
		Includes Tel. Rights							
Joseph Hager School Fund	14,261 99	672 87	775 00						14,159 86
Preston P. Ellis School Fund	1,052 85	26 22			500 00				579 07
Town Library Fund	1,800 00	87 75	87 75						1,800 00
M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund	525 00	26 26	26 26						525 00
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	500 00	25 00	25 00						500 00
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	1,000 00	47 50	47 50						1,000 00
A. R. Hager Library Fund	600 00	30 00	30 00						600 00
M. D. Haws Library Fund	1,000 00	52 50	52 50						1,000 00
Lucy J. Childs Library Fund	150 00	7 33	7 33						150 00
Preston P. Ellis Library Fund	1,000 00	25 00	25 00						1,000 00
Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	300 00	15 00	15 00						300 00
George A. Miller Library Fund	1,901 16	95 04	95 04						1,901 16
M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund	1,127 63	43 26	149 00						1,021 89
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	15,589 24	783 16	556 64				950 00		16,765 76
Water Investment	15,000 00	727 48	727 48						15,000 00
	\$104,956 77	\$5,724 20	\$5,921 15		\$500 00		\$950 00		\$105,209 82

Trial Balance of December 31, 1930.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash on hand:		Revenue Loan	\$20,600 00
General		Celebration Committee	8 27
Celebration Committee	\$14,073 16	Balances brought forward	
Library Petty Cash	8 27	Library	17
Amounts Receivable:	10 00	Moth Assessment Revenue	92 00
Taxes:		Motor Vehicle Tax Revenue	219 32
Levy of 1929 (now closed out)	136 34	Tax Title Revenue	128 58
1930	17,575 34	Overlay 1930	813 06
Special Assessments:		Overlay Reserve	2,245 30
Moth 1929 (now closed out)	2 62	Excess and Deficiency:	
Moth 1930	89 38	Surplus	9,009 51
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1930	219 32		
Tax Title	128 58		
Overlay 1929 Overdrawn	50 69		
Due from State—State Aid	46 00		
Due from State and County—Gate House Rd.	212 16		
Overdrawn Appropriations:			
General Government	49 44		
Fire Department	11 93		
Board of Public Welfare	428 84		
Vocational School	45 97		
Interest	28 17		

Net Funded Debt,

\$33,116 21
\$4,200 00

Fire Engine Loan

\$33,116 21
\$4,200 00

SCHOOL REPORT.

DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

School Committee.

*Arno E. Hurd, Chairman	Term expires 1933
Mrs. Frances Merriam, Secretary	Term expires 1932
Ernest M. Vieweg	Term expires 1931
*Deceased.	

Superintendent of Schools, H. L. Ballou, Sterling, Mass.
Tel. 78 Sterling.

School Physician, George A. Mossman, M. D.
Gardner, Mass.

School Nurse, Helen McKowen, R. N., Gardner, Mass.

Supervisor of Drawing, Claire Comtois, Worcester.

Supervisor of Music, Priscilla Thurston, Leominster, Mass.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Winter term: All schools, 12 weeks, December 30 to March 20.

Spring term: All schools, 12 weeks. March 30 to June 19.

Fall term: All schools, 16 weeks, September 8 to December 23.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils not absent or tardy during school year of 1929—30.

Grade I Richard Siegel

Grade II Helen Evaska

Grade IV Joseph Arcangeli

Grade V Anita Husari

Lempi Tuomi

Toivo Mattson

Rhea Jaaskelainen

Grade VI	Helvi Winturri	Grade VII	Arvo Aho
	David Lindquist		Lilly Kempfi
	Carl Mansur		Aino Keskinen
Grade VIII	Elizabeth Conant		Doris Peva
	Edgar Holmes		Laura Vincent
	Aune Nappari		Rauha Walkonen
	Helen Winturri		Esther Waltonen
Grade IX	Sulo Karvonen		

ENROLMENT—WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS—OCT. 1, 1930.

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Totals
Upton Primary	27									27
Upton Primary		23								23
Upton Primary			23							23
Upton Intermediate				17						17
Upton Intermediate					27					27
Upton Intermediate						34				34
Upton Junior High							39			39
Upton Junior High								20		20
Upton Junior High									25	25
Narrows		4	2	5	5					16
Whitmanville	4	5	4	3	4					20
Totals	31	32	29	25	36	34	39	20	25	271
In Fitchburg										35
In Gardner										6
In So. Ashburnham										5
In Worcester Trade										1
						Grand Total				818

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

After the experience of last winter with the difficulty of heating the portable school building, and the consequent loss of several days satisfactory work with the grades in it, the committee felt inclined to discontinue its use altogether.

However, we asked three different heating companies to figure on some plan to make it comfortable for cold weather and guarantee satisfaction, and only one would consider it and wanted over \$900 to do it, which we did not feel willing to pay without a vote of the Town, which was refused at a special town meeting called to consider it.

After considerable study we decided to reline it with an insulating board which has proved a great help, but something else will have to be done before long.

We also considered the advisability of opening another rural school but found that would not relieve any grade enough to double them up and would require still another teacher, and closing the depot school would not add to any one grade more than could be accommodated at the center.

Even sending the ninth grade out of town would not relieve the situation enough, and would disrupt the idea of a Junior High School, and we have the largest ninth grade on record.

Two teachers resigned in June, one to accept another position, the other to be married, and Miss Constance Curtis was secured for the seventh grade and Miss Signe Antila transferred to the eighth. Miss Bernice Rowe from the depot taking Miss Antila's place for a while.

After a month or more other families with children moved into town making more changes necessary and Miss Rowe was given the fourth grade (the smallest in number of any) in a room by itself and Mary Smith secured as part time teacher to help out with the second and third in one room.

With improved roads and better school buses, the transportation of children to the center is simplified and the advantages they receive outweigh any loss.

Whether the Town should continue to keep, maintain and insure the buildings thus left unoccupied, is a question to be considered.

Electric lights have been installed in Whitmanville, Narrows and the portable buildings the past year much to the advantage of scholars and teachers.

The Upton building and the Whitmanville school have also been painted.

We are glad to note that more parents have visited some school session the past year, and hope the practice will increase.

The schools have presented school entertainments at the Town Hall which as usual were attended by large audiences and well carried out, the Christmas program especially showing a varied talent and thoughtful preparation.

Tests taken in scholarship show that our pupils maintain a high average in comparison with others in similar places, which speaks well for our teachers and Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

This is my third and the forty-first in the series of Superintendents' reports.

This year we have been most fortunate in having had but one change in the teaching personnel. Miss Signe Antila was given a Junior High position for which she has been trained. Miss Constance Curtis of Groton took the place made vacant by the marriage of Miss Call.

The housing situation has not improved much over that of last year. Through a rearrangement of grades we now have one grade per teacher (except as noted*) in each grade in the elementary school.

Year ending Dec. 1 grade 2 grades 3 grades 4 grades 5 grades 6 grades

1928	2	2	0	0	1	3
1929	2	3	0	0	3	0
1930	*6	0	0	1	1	0

*Grades 2 and 3 in the Upton School are combined under one teacher in the afternoon session.

The Depot School was closed at the beginning of the Fall term. This could easily be done by increasing the number of pupils per teacher in the Upton School.

Shortly after school began, it was found that a desirable schedule could not be maintained without the help of another teacher so Miss Mary Smith was engaged to act as assistant, mainly in the third grade.

The achievement testing program has been continued this year and weaknesses that show up under this method can be systematically

remedied. These tests show Westminster pupils to be somewhat above the average — a fact which speaks well for our teaching force. It would seem to indicate that there is inherent soundness in the policy of keeping teachers over a period of years.

There are several kinds of State reimbursement for educational purposes. There is the Part I reimbursement dependent on the length of service, educational preparation of teachers, average membership in school and the proportionate amount of State tax per pupil. Part II deals with teachers' salaries. There is an arbitrary reimbursement on the employment of a Union Superintendent amounting to \$773.33 annually.

The statutes provide that High School privileges shall be made accessible to all children capable of profiting by them, and if there be no High School in the town the pupil shall be provided with transportation and his tuition paid to some neighboring town to be selected by the School Committee. The State, in such a case, will reimburse the town for approximately one-half the tuition and the full transportation, or board in lieu thereof, up to 40 cents per day or three-fourths of the excess of that amount up to 80 cents per day.

Although Parts I and II have decreased materially, the total reimbursement has risen very sharply on account of the large increase in the number of pupils who are attending High School in neighboring cities. The items of reimbursement this year are as follows:

General Fund, Part I	\$3,435.00
General Fund, Part II	4,396.05
Employment of a Union Superintendent	773.33
High School Tuition	2,436.57
High School Transportation	2,772.83
Adult Alien Education	150.93
Division of Child Welfare	241.12
Vocational Aid	547.74

This year \$14,205.83 is reimbursed by the State on the regular school appropriation so that 38.8% of the total cost of the schools of Westminster is borne by the Commonwealth.

We wish to thank Miss Green, the librarian, for her thorough cooperation and her excellent work in teaching the pupils the proper use of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. BALLOU,

Superintendent.

Report of School Physician.

December 9, 1980.

School Committee,
Westminster, Mass.

The following is the report of the School Children examined.

Total examined	266
Teeth	62
Tonsils	56
Glands thyroid	2
Glands cervical	2
Heart	10
Chronic infantile paralysis	2

Yours very truly,

GEORGE MOSSMAN,

School Physician.

Report of School Nurse.

I herewith submit report as school nurse from Jan. 1, 1930 to Dec. 31, 1930.

Two days each school week were spent in the schools.

Children inspected at school	541
Children weighed and measured	425
Treatments at school	348
Home calls	576
Telephone follow ups	22
Children immunized against Diphtheria	138
Dental corrections	104
Tonsil operations	9
Glasses obtained	7
Children sent to Ashburnham Health Camp	1
Pre-school children examined at the Summer Round Up	17

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN T. McKOWEN, R. N.

TEACHING PERSONNEL.

Name.	High School.	Norm. School or College.	Teaching Experience
Maurice P. Billings \$2000	Southwest Harbor, Me. 1922	University of Maine 1922-26 Sum. '27, '28, '29, '30.	Westminster, 1927
Virginia Call \$1200	Lewiston 1923 Mary A. Burnham Sch. for Girls, '24	Tufts 1928, 4 yrs. Middlebury Sum. '29	Westminster, 1928-30
Signe Antila \$1100	Fitchburg 1925	Fitchburg Nor. 1929, 4 yrs.	Westminster, 1929
Beatrice Brown \$1200	Fall River '24	Wheaton 1928, 4 yrs.	Westminster, 1928-30
Constance Curtis \$1100	Groton 1925.	Tufts '30 4 yrs	Westminster, 1930
Catherine Sullivan \$1050	Fitchburg 1925	Fitchburg Nor. 1927, 2 yrs. Sum. '27, '29, '30	Westminster, 1927
Gertrude S. Shannon \$1200	Cleveland Central 1897	Cleveland Sch. of Education	Cleveland Pub. Schools 1901-'13 Westm'r 1926
Sylvia Turunen \$1000	Fitchburg 1925	Fitchburg Nor. 1928, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1928
Doris M. Fenno \$1200	Gardner 1913	Cush. Acad. '14 Sum. Hyannis '20 Fitchburg '26, '30	Westminster, 1920
Carrie I. Estabrook \$1000	Westminster 1909	Sum. Hyannis '20 Fitch. '26, '29	Westminster, 1911
Doris Cummings Taylor \$950	Westminster	Fitchburg Nor. 1929, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1929
Bernice Rowe \$950	Westminster 1926	Fitchburg Nor. 1929, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1929
Mary Smith* \$12.50 per week	Westminster 1928	Fitchburg Nor. 1930, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1930

*Teaches mornings only.

Prize Speaking Contest, Jr. High School.

MAY 1, 1930. 8.15 P. M.

PROGRAM.

To Thee O Country

Songs Aloha

O Sole Mio

1. Reverie in Church, George Baker, Jr.

Doris Peva

2. Capital Punishment Anonymous

Bruce Carpenter

3. The Battle of Waterloo Lord Byron

Aino Keskinen

Solo Effie Mayranen

4. The Charge of the Light Brigade Alfred Tennyson

Carl Mansur

5. The Old Actor's Story George R. Sims

Helen Laukkanen

6. O Captain! My Captain! Walt Whitman

Emil Parnanen

Solo Miss Thurston

7. Guilty or not Guilty Anonymous

Hazel Stevenson

8. The Blacksmith's Story Frank Clive

Reino Wasara

9. Columbus Joaquin Miller

Olive Coombs

Songs Aune Keskinen and Muriel Smith

10. John Maynard Anonymous

Preston Baker

11. Mrs. Caudle Urging the need of Spring Clothing Douglas Jerrold

Lilly Kempfi

12. The Mysterious Guest Fowler Bradnack

John Carpenter

Intermission Selections Lillian and Bertha Tamozaitis

Junior High School

Judges' Decision

Presentation of Prizes

Star Spangled Banner

Program
Second Annual Commencement
Upton Junior High School

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1930,

8.00 P. M.

Invocation	Rev. Mr. Siegle
Salutatory	Viljo Friberg
Class History	Martha Lehtinen
Class Will	George Maki

Girls' Chorus

Ching—A Ring—A—Ring	Sweet Miss Mary
Lullaby	

The Oration to the Undergraduates	Francis Coombs
Response for Grade 8	Helen Laukkanen
Presentation of Gifts	Doris Smith, Eino Hintala

Mixed Chorus

The King's Highway	To Thee, O Country
Class Prophecy	Aili Hill, Eino Hill
Valedictory	Sulo Karvonen
Presentation of Diplomas	Mr. Ballou
Presentation of Grange and other prizes	

Class Ode, written by Viola Stevenson

Class Ode	sung by the Graduates
Benediction	Rev. Mr. Pike

Class Motto—It Can Be Done
Class Colors—Gold and Blue
Class Flower—Carnation

HAGER PARK.

Our wood cutting program for the past two winters has been confined to a section over the hill at the left of the drive and not in view from the real park territory where young pines are making splendid growth.

While we had an appropriation to comply with State system of Accounting we did not use all of it and turned in to the Town's general account, from wood supplied the Schools, Town Hall and Library, considerably more than the amount spent

Twenty-seven cords five feet has been cut and yarded out this winter (1931) which with that left over from last year will probably meet the Town's need until 1932.

Again we caution those passing through the park against matches and smokes.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO,
FLOYD W. VINCENT,
CARLOS E. BARRON,

Trustees.

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners.

The usual cleaning up of grounds at different cemeteries, mowing grass and other work has been done during the year 1930.

Drives and walks have been repaired. The receiving vault and other buildings have been painted at Woodside.

ELMER WALKER,
FRANK S. PARKS,
W. F. NEAL,

Cemetery Commissioners.

TOWN TREASURER.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1929	\$10,272 81
Borrowed in anticipation of taxes, 1930	45,600 00
Borrowed for purchase of new fire engine	4,200 00
Cash receipts from all other sources including transfers of income from trust funds, given in detail to Accountant	103,856 00
Total,	<u>\$163,928 81</u>
Total of all payments with Selectmen's approval	149,855 65
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1930	<u>14,073 16</u>
Total,	<u>\$163,928 81</u>

TRUST FUNDS.

Frederick W. Smith Poor Fund.

Gardner Savings Bank	\$5,821 60
Gardner Trust Co., savings dept.	4,946 07
Fitchburg Savings Bank	3,000 00
Athol Savings Bank	3,000 00
Leominster Savings Bank	3,000 00
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	3,000 00
Worcester County Inst. for Savings	3,000 00
Worcester North Savings Institution	6,851 00
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank	3,000 00
Total fund	<u>\$35,618 67</u>

Principal \$34,175.47

Joseph W. Forbush Worthy Poor Fund.

Worcester North Savings Institution, Fitchburg	1,914 60
Principal, \$1,000.	

Forbush Memorial Library Funds.

Town Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	1,800 00
M. A. Farnsworth Fund, Leominster Savings Bank	525 00

C. A. Forbush Fund, Leominster Savings Bank	\$500 00
J. W. Forbush Fund, Athol Savings Bank	1,000 00
A. R. Hager Fund, Gardner Savings Bank	600 00
M. D. Haws Fund, Winchendon Savings Bank	1,000 00
Preston Ellis Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	500 00
Lucy J. Childs Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	150 00
Frederick S. Whitman Fund	300 00

Gardner Savings Bank

George A. Miller Fund,	
Worcester North Savings Instn.,	1,901 16

Total Principal, Library Trust Funds	\$8,276 16
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All income used annually for library purposes.

The five shares of Dunn Co. stock, Library Fund and five shares Dunn Co. stock, School Fund, received from the Estate of Preston P. Ellis have been dropped from the statement, the Company being bankrupt and the stock of no value.

Upton School Fund.

Orange Savings Bank	541 20
Templeton Savings Bank	612 63
Fitchburg Savings Bank	694 83
Peoples' Savings Bank, Worcester	1,000 00
Worcester Mechanics' Savings Bank	1,000 00
Worcester County Ins. for Savings	1,100 00
Central Trust Co., Cambridge	1,125 83
Gardner Trust Co., savings dept.	1,099 32
25 shares Pullman Inc.,	1,400 00
28 shares Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. (par value)	2,800 00

Total Upton fund

\$11,378 81

Principal, \$11,116.50

Preston P. Ellis School Fund.

Fitchburg Savings Bank	500 00
Gardner Trust Company	79 07

Total

579 07

Principal now \$500.

Joseph Hager School Fund.

Liberty Bonds 4½%	\$2,500 00	
Telephone Bonds 5%	1,000 00	
Gardner Savings Bank	4,000 00	
Leominster Savings Bank	2,000 00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	2,500 00	
Gardner Trust Co., Sav. dept.	2,159 86	
Total, Hager School Fund		\$14,159 86
Principal, \$12,000.		

City of Fitchburg Water Fund.

Gardner Savings Bank	3,500 00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	7,000 00	
Gardner Trust Company Savings Dept.	4,500 00	
Total		15,000 00
All income used annually for general purposes.		

Milton A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund.

Liberty bonds	1,000 00	
Gardner Trust Company	21 89	
Total		1,021 89

Principal \$1,000.

Anniversary of 1909 account, bal. in bank	8 27
four books having been sold this year. (on sale at Library)	

LIABILITIES.

Note at Gardner Trust Co., due Feb 17, 1931, 4½%	10,600 00
Five notes issued on account of new Fire Engine, 4½%	4,200 00
Payable \$1,000 annually.	Total \$14,800 00

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

	Jan. 1, 1930.	Income.	Withdrawn & Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1931
Allen, Lyman	\$136 99	\$6 90	\$1 75	\$142 14
Allen, Frederick	126 97	6 40	1 75	131 62
Bacon, Edward	111 39	5 06	1 50	114 95
Baker, Ellen L.	106 40	2 65	5 50	106 28
Baker, Eliza	93 29	4 61		97 90
Baker, Calvin	50 00	42		50 42
Baker, Charles F.	50 00	1 69		51 69
Barnes, Sarah M.	111 17	5 05	2 50	113 72
Barrows—Griffin	100 00	83		100 83
Bartow, Hattie Wheeler	50 23	4 51	1 25	51 24
Battles, Alfred	115 27	5 23	20 00	100 50
Battles, Benj. F.	100 00	3 36	2 65	100 71
Beaman, Ruth P.	62 48	3 09	14 00	51 57
Bean, John M.	50 00	1 26		51 26
Bean, Laura J.	102 08	5 18	1 75	105 51
Benjamin, Wm. H.	117 59	5 34	2 00	120 93
Bolton, Alonzo D.	115 78	5 38	2 50	119 11
Bolton, Franklin E.	108 01	4 90	7 00	105 91
Bolton, Simeon and Elizabeth Whitney	106 41	5 41	6 50	105 32
Brown, John	128 92	6 50	2 00	133 42
Brown, Timothy	115 93	5 25	1 75	119 43
Brooks, S. E. and A.	216 68	9 89	5 00	221 57
Borey, M. J.	61 56	2 76	2 79	61 53
Bruce, James R. & George W.	101 67	5 15	2 00	104 82
Burpee, Viola N.	51 04	2 58		53 62
Carter, Merriam and Hannaford	160 27	8 16		168 43
Childs, Lucy J.	225 97	11 18	35 00	202 15
Cutler, Jonas	112 34	5 68	2 50	115 52
Cowee, Sarah M.	126 58	6 38	2 25	130 71
Coleman and Derby	159 50	8 06	4 00	163 56
Daisy, Henry H.	113 68	5 73	2 00	117 41
Davis, Geo. M. and Elizabeth	102 86	5 22	2 00	106 08

Withdrawn

	Jan. 1, 1930.	Income.	& Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1931
Davis, Horace E.	\$103 86	\$5 29	\$1 00	\$108 18
Derby, Walter	103 71	4 71	2 00	106 42
Drury, Sarah E.	51 04	2 60	1 75	51 87
Durling, A. R.	104 94	4 79	2 00	107 71
Dupree, Charles H. & Mary A.	211 56	10 68	6 50	215 74
Eaton, Lura B.	102 08	5 18	1 50	105 76
Eaton, Mary W.	53 74	2 40	1 50	54 64
Elliott, Flora E.	57 26	2 59	1 50	58 35
Estey, Oliver	121 52	5 52	1 75	125 29
Ellis, Preston P.	153 66	7 60	2 50	158 76
Eaton, William	138 23	6 98	1 75	143 46
Eaton, Marshall	123 51	6 23	1 75	127 99
Eaton, Stillman	46 48	2 33	4 00	44 81
Estabrook, J. W.	51 31	2 58	2 00	51 89
Foskett, Sarah A.	53 90	2 84	2 00	54 74
Forbush, Charles A.	146 84	7 40	5 80	148 44
Forbush, Joseph W.	225 35	11 38	22 00	214 73
Farnsworth, Mary A.	68 41	3 45	10 00	61 86
Goodridge, John C.	146 27	6 65	3 00	149 92
Healy and Dalrymple	56 03	2 54	2 00	56 57
Hager, Joseph	409 09	18 69	6 00	421 78
Hager, George W.	79 41	4 01	2 00	81 42
Hager, Elijah	84 25	4 15	2 00	86 50
Harris and Barnes	109 50	4 96	2 00	112 46
Hadley, Laura E.	102 08	5 18	5 00	102 26
Hay, Arthur	203 33	10 34		213 67
Howe, Daniel & Daniel M.	200 00	6 73	3 30	203 43
Holden and Eames	141 38	7 13	4 00	144 51
Harrington and Wheeler	51 92	2 61	2 00	52 53
Hood, M. E.	132 47	6 68	2 50	136 65
Hartwell, Leander	60 61	3 05	2 00	61 66
Haynes, George N.	121 49	5 52	1 75	125 26
Hill, David W.	224 96	10 26	3 00	232 22
Jackson, Levi and Jane	114 02	5 18	1 75	117 45
Johnson, John	100 00	2 08		102 08

	Withdrawn			
	Jan. 1, 1930.	Income.	& Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1931
Kendall, Edward S. & Mary E.	100 14	\$4 54	\$2 00	\$102 68
Kendall, Edward F. & Ezekiel	428 29	19 56	6 00	441 85
Kendall, George S.	100 00	4 21	2 00	102 21
Leland, H. J.	51 87	2 33	2 00	52 20
Lewis, Nelson	119 79	5 44	2 00	123 23
Lamb, Stephen F.	113 85	5 17	1 75	117 27
Lantz, Mary E. Taylor lot	103 86	5 27	1 50	107 63
Learned and Goodnow	113 72	5 16	3 00	115 88
Lynde, John & Lucy K.	166 75	8 47	12 00	163 22
Merriam, Read	110 59	5 02	2 00	113 61
Merriam, Thos.	110 09	5 00	7 00	108 09
Miller, James W.	126 32	5 74	4 00	128 06
Miller, John C.	107 89	4 89	2 50	110 28
Miller, Joseph and Emily	51 55	2 32	1 50	52 39
Miller, Sylvester	198 98	10 11	17 00	192 09
Miles and Puffer	59 89	3 15	4 80	58 25
Morse, Farwell	105 23	5 31	2 00	108 54
Marshall, Julia L.	111 66	5 07	2 00	114 73
Merriam, Francis	112 60	5 12	2 00	115 72
Mayo, William	234 00	11 83	12 25	233 58
Minott, Fanny	106 17	5 40	2 50	109 07
Minott, Joseph	117 73	5 93	2 00	121 66
Merriam, Artemas	191 85	9 68	8 00	193 03
Merriam, Oliver M.	120 78	6 08	2 00	124 86
McAllister, Rev. Wm. C.	106 15	5 40	2 00	109 55
Nichols, Charles	196 76	8 96	2 25	203 47
Nichols, Frederick	108 30	4 90	2 50	110 70
Partridge, Seaver & Hartwell	154 09	7 78	4 00	157 87
Perkins, Harrison	50 84	2 57	1 00	52 41
Pierce, Elisha	258 60	13 08	4 00	267 68
Page, Porter F.	243 73	12 31	3 00	253 04
Puffer, Rev. Stephen	58 23	2 93	1 80	59 36
Peckham, Horatio	52 77	2 36	1 50	53 63
Raymond, Abijah H.	120 39	5 48	20 00	105 87
Ray, Ivers	129 95	6 56	2 25	134 26

	Jan. 1, 1930.	Withdrawn		Jan.1,1931
		Income.	& Expen'd.	
Ray, Hiram	\$111 74	\$5 63	\$2 00	\$115 37
Rice, Wm S.	108 82	4 94	2 00	111 76
Rider, Wm. D.	101 72	4 60	2 00	104 32
Saunders, Amos	101 72	4 60	2 00	104 32
Sawin, Otis W. & L. Ashton	213 05	10 57	2 00	221 62
Seaver,SilasW. & Geo.C.Baker	78 13	3 98	2 00	80 11
Smith, Sarah B.	61 80	3 11	2 00	62 91
Simonds, Charles A.	100 00	2 51		102 51
Stearns, Sarah H.	123 68	6 23	14 00	115 91
Spaulding and Rugg	255 37	12 91	35 22	233 06
Sprague, Samuel H.	102 08	5 18	3 00	104 26
Upton, George C.	933 07	47 51	11 00	969 58
Walton, Joseph L.	51 83	2 32	1 00	53 15
Wetherbee, Lina W.	113 69	5 16	5 00	113 85
Wood, Charles P.	32 74	1 47		34 21
Woodbury, Joseph	113 62	5 16	17 00	101 78
Whitney, Stillman	100 00	83		100 83
Whitney, John	140 39	6 95	4 80	142 54
Ware, Abigail E.	243 06	12 38	23 00	232 44
Whipple and Hackett	107 71	5 43	1 78	111 36
Wyman, Sophia L.	141 23	7 13	8 00	140 36
Wheeler, Delia A.	55 20	2 49	1 30	56 39
Whitney, Malcom R.	108 59	4 93	2 00	111 52
Whitman, Fred S.	511 32	25 88	19 25	517 95
Young, Fidelia Sawin	58 42	2 93	1 00	60 35
Whitney, Warren A.	100 83	5 12	1 65	104 30
Total				\$16,765 76

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO,

Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Four meetings of the Trustees have been held for the transaction of business of the Library. Necessary repairs have been ordered. Gifts have been received for which the donors are again thanked.

The Book Committee has ordered such books as were required to meet the needs of several classes of patrons. As last year, mission study reference books were procured for the Mission Circles. Although the pupils of High School age attend school at Fitchburg and Gardner, the Westminster Library is used by them as their reference Library. This necessitates the purchase of not a few books for them. Rare books have been borrowed also, for their use. The needs of the local schools have also been considered.

Then this year much attention has been given to the youngest patrons, who are delighted with the beautifully illustrated books, some Mother Goose and fairy stories, some poets who write for children.

Non-fiction books have also been purchased to meet the needs of more serious readers.

We learn with interest that our Library may receive a gift under the will of Mrs. Sarah M. Barnes.

Like all other enterprising towns, Westminster held a Tercentenary celebration. The Historical Society, which holds its quarterly meetings in the Reading Room, and have their antiques in our Museum, having charge. The Trustees were glad to lend the Reading Room for the wonderful exhibit loaned by Town's people; also the grounds for the pageant of the early settlers, the Moores. The back lawn was used for the serving of supper, and our Librarian, Miss Greene, painted the curtain, representing Massachusetts Bay, for the tableaux in the evening at the Town Hall.

Besides the hundreds of visitors to the Library on that day, forty school boys from South Gardner schools, and one hundred twenty-five visitors from the Congregationalist Conference should be mentioned.

The expense of illuminating our Community Christmas tree was assumed by the Library and Improvement Society.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO, CYRUS T. MILLER,
LUCY MILTON GILES, IDA E. MERRIAM,
SARAH J. WYMAN, MAURICE T. BILLINGS,

Trustees.

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1930. Among the many activities of the year, the best work has been done with the children who come from the schools for supplementary reading and reference work and are supplied with worth while books.

As in other years, a class of girls has been trained as library attendants.

The Harvard Creative Reading List, "the most cultural movement in America," has been supplied those who are interested in current literature.

The American Merchant Marine Library Association extends its appreciation to all who so generously contributed many volumes for the Marine Libraries.

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

Days open	101
Smallest daily circulation, Dec. 24	63
Largest daily circulation	182
Average daily circulation	116
Circulation for year	11,796
Narrows Branch	1,500
Total circulation	13,296
Number of volumes added by purchase	467
Number of volumes added by gift	16
Number of volumes discarded	31
Number of volumes in library	12,887

GIFTS.

Photographs of Foreign scenes,
Moss from live oak trees,

Mrs. Frederick C. Lane
Mr. Frank Tansley

BOOKS.

Two volumes,	Mrs. F. D. Peabody and Mrs. F. D. Hard
Four volumes,	Rev. L. M. Giles
One volume,	Miss Mary S. Dunn
One volume,	United Fruit Company
One volume,	Mrs. P. H. Loughlin
One volume,	Mrs. C. B. Dawley
One volume,	Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Raymond
One volume,	Miss Helen T. Autis
One volume,	The Commonwealth
One volume,	Tercentenary Marine Committee
One volume,	His Excellency Frank G. Allen, Governor of Mass.

PERIODICALS.

One periodical: American Legion Auxiliary, Universalist Ladies' Social Circle, Congregational Church Baptist Mission Circle, Woman's Church Council, Clover Leaf Troop One, Girl Scouts.

Two periodicals: Mrs. F. A. Merriam and Mr. C. B. Dawley.

Twelve periodicals from Rev. L. M. Giles.

One periodical from the publishers of the following:

Bell Telephone Quarterly, Tycos Rochester, Alpha Aids, American Issue, Mazdaznan, Living Tissue, Humane Education, National Republic, Mental Hygiene, Our Dumb Animals, The Poultry Magazine, The In-One Magazine, The American News, The Specialty Salesman.

With grateful acknowledgment of the kindness and support of the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH F. GREENE,

Librarian.

Selectmen's Appropriation Recommendations 1931

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

General Government.

Salaries of Town Officers and expenses	\$2,000 00
Town Hall maintenance	1,000 00

Protection of Persons and Property.

Constables	1,000 00
Fire Department	1,500 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	75 00
Tree Warden	100 00
Liability Insurance	500 00
Gypsy Moth	635 99

Health and Sanitation.

Board of Health	1,500 00
Tuberculosis Assessment	225 64
Dental Clinic	250 00

Highways.

General Repairs, under Chapter 81	3,850 00
Snow and Ice, (highways)	2,000 00
Snow and Ice, (sidewalks)	100 00
Sidewalks, (repairs)	100 00
Bridges	500 00
Ashburnham Road	1,000 00
Gate House or Leino Park Road	1,000 00
Maintenance of Worcester and Mile Hill Roads	1,200 00
Back Roads	1,000 00
Watering tubs and guide boards	75 00
Street lighting	1,640 04

Charities.

State Aid	240 00
Soldiers' Relief	200 00
Board of Public Welfare	1,500 00

Schools.

(Including amount from State)	\$36,000 00
Trade or Vocational School	300 00

Forbush Library.

Dog fund and	1,100 00
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Cemeteries.

1,500 00

Interest Payments.

1,250 00

Payment of Debt.

Fire engine note	1,000 00
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Unclassified.

Care of Town Clock	20 00
Memorial Day and care of Monument	125 00
World War Memorial	75 00
Printing Town Reports	298 85
Miscellaneous	400 00
Hager Park	400 00
Reserve Fund	500 00

LIST OF JURORS.

Arthur L. Bascomb, retired	William F. Percy, Blacksmith
Frank W. Fenno, Banker	James P. Dugan, Farmer
George L. Dawley, Manufacturer	Edward J. Rice, Salesman
Charles A. Hicks, Carpenter	Richard W. Ahlin, Accountant
Frank S. Smith, Farmer	Matthew Handlin, Station Agent
Nelson S. Greeley, Plumber	Wallace D. Flagg, Laborer
Ralph E. Roper, Farmer	Philip Hills, Machinist
Edward R. Flagg, Farmer	James Adams, Insurance Agent
Charles L. Smith, Manufacturer	Edgar E. Fenno, Merchant
Aaron M. Terrill, Merchant	S. Edwin Story, Jeweler

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westminster, in the County aforesaid: *GREETING:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Westminster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Westminster, on Monday the second day of March, 1931, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, or terms of three years.

Art. 3. To see what compensation the Town will allow the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, and determine the terms upon which they shall be collected, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting Taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1931, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will choose an agent or agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To choose all necessary committees for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To hear the reports of any Committee appointed by the Town and act thereon.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to appoint or elect a committee to prepare by-laws for the use of the Town, said committee to report at a special Town meeting within three months, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to choose a director of boys' and girls' club work under the direction of County Farm Bureau, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 128, General Laws.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for County Aid to Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of, and for the purpose of, Chapter 128, General Laws, or for the support of demonstration work in Agriculture, Home Economics, or Boys' or Girls' Club Work, under direction of the Agent or Instructors, co-operating with local Town Director, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light on Bacon Street, near the house of Alex Waronen, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$50.69 from the overlay reserve to the overlay of 1929.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$428.84 from the overlay reserve to the Board of Public Welfare.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$135.51 to pay overdrafts in the following departments: General Government \$49.44, Fire Department \$11.93, Vocational School \$45.97, Interest \$28.17

Art. 17. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the following departments: General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Highways, Charities, Schools, Library, Cemeteries, Interest Payments, Payment of Debt, and Unclassified.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept a part of the South Ashburnham road as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate money to pay for the survey.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Official Ballot as provided by Chapter 41, Section 6, of the General Laws, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to install two street lights on Nichols Street, one on the first pole and one on the fifth pole.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office and Town Hall in said Town, seven days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

LUCIUS W. FRENCH,

EDWARD R. MILLER,

HAROLD D. MERRIAM,

Selectmen of Westminster.

A true copy, attest:

HAROLD A. TOWLE,

Constable of Westminster.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1931.

There were three Town Meetings held during the year 1931.
(In the following reports of Town Meetings it is a synopsis from records
of each meeting).

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 2, 1931.

Article 1.

Philip H. Loughlin was chosen Moderator.

Article 2.

The following is a list of Town Officers chosen together with
those whose term of office has not expired:

TOWN CLERK

Esther H. Hicks

TREASURER

Frank W. Fenno

SELECTMEN

Philip H. Loughlin was chosen for three years

Harold D. Merriam, term expires March, 1932

Lucius W. French, term expires March, 1933

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Lucius W. French was chosen for three years

Maud I. Miller, term expires March, 1932

Cyrus T. Miller, term expires March, 1933

ASSESSORS

Emory J. Raymond was chosen for three years

Peter Sakkinen was chosen for two years

Richard W. Ahlin was chosen for one year

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. Charles Hicks was chosen for three years

Agnes W. Mansur was chosen for two years

E. Frances Merriam, term expires March, 1932

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Cyrus T. Miller was chosen for three years

Lucy M. Giles was chosen for three years

Ida E. Merriam, term expires March, 1932

Frank W. Fenno, term expires March, 1932

Sarah J. Wyman, term expires March, 1933

Maurice P. Billings, term expires March, 1933

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Elmer Walker was chosen for three years

Frank S. Parks, term expires March, 1932

Windsor F. Neal, term expires March, 1933

TRUSTEE HAGER SCHOOL FUND

Edgar E. Fenno

HAGER PARK COMMISSIONERS

Frank W. Derby was chosen for three years

Frank W. Fenno, term expires March, 1932

Carlos E. Barron, term expires March, 1933

TAX COLLECTOR

Windsor F. Neal

CONSTABLE

Harold A. Towle

TREE WARDEN

Emory J. Raymond

MEASURERS OF WOOD, LUMBER AND BARK

(Elected by nomination and hand vote)

Edward R. Flagg ✓

Judson Foster ✓

Henry Waltonen ✓

Emil Wuth ✓

Frank S. Smith ✓

Arthur E. Merriam ✓

Edward F. Hetu ✓

Nathan D. Howard ✓

Article 3.

Voted that the Tax Collector be allowed one cent on each dollar collected and that the Town furnish the postage and tax bills, and subject to the following conditions:

All taxes shall be due October 1st, 1931.

Interest charges shall start from November 1st, 1931.

All taxes paid after Nov. 1st, 1931 shall pay six per cent. per annum additional.

Article 4.

Voted to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

Article 5.

Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1931 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 6.

Voted to accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen, excepting the name of Charles L. Smith, who was excused from serving

Article 7.

Voted that the Selectmen act as agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town.

Article 8.

(To choose committees) Passed over.

Article 9.

Frank W. Derby reported for the water investigating committee as follows:

Report of Water Committee, March 2, 1931.

Your committee have continued to investigate the possibilities of a water system for the Town.

We hereby submit a letter received from the Dep't. of Public Health after a representative from their office had investigated the situation. We also had a representative from a firm of engineers recommended by Mr. W. P. Ray. This report agreed substantially with the Dep't. of Public Health.

Your committee is of the opinion that what ever source of supply that is finally agreed upon should include the taking over of the present Water Company by the Town.

Mr. Ray is of the opinion that one or more dug wells to be used in addition to the water company's spring might be possible and desirable as such a combination would be a continuation of a supply of spring water which most of our people would prefer in preference to pond water.

If the Town desires to proceed further it will be necessary to make an appropriation to cover the expense of dug or driven

wells and to make a pumping test as required by the Dep't. of Public Health.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. DERBY,
J. F. MONTVILLE,
HERBERT L. ROWE,
EDWARD R. MILLER,
CARLOS E. BARRON,
Committee.

Article 10.

Voted that the Moderator, and two others appointed by the Moderator, serve as a committee to prepare by-laws for the use of the Town. Said Committee to report at a special Town Meeting within three months and that \$200 be raised and appropriated for the purpose. Moderator (P. H. Loughlin) appointed L. W. French and F. W. Derby as the other two members.

Article 11.

Voted and chose Ernest M. Vieweg as Director of boys and girls club work under the direction of County Farm Bureau, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 128, General Laws.

Article 12.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$100. for County Aid to Agriculture as stated in Article 12 of the warrant.

Article 13.

(To install a street light on Bacon Street)
Passed over. Article taken up again and voted in the negative.

Article 14.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$50.69 from the overlay reserve to the overlay of 1929.

Article 15.

Voted to transfer the sum of \$428.84 from the overlay reserve to the Board of Public Welfare.

Article 16.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$135.51 to pay overdrafts in the following departments:--

General Government	\$49.44
Fire Department	11.93
Vocational School	45.97
Interest	28.17

Article 17.

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS—1931.

Note—In the following table appropriations under other articles are also included in order to show the total amount appropriated.

Salaries of Town Officers and expenses	\$2,225 ✓
Town Hall Maintenance	1,000
Constables	1,000
Fire Department	1,500
Sealer of Weights and Measures	75
Tree Warden	100
Liability Insurance	500
Gypsy Moth	635.99
Board of Health	1,500
Tuberculosis assessment	225.64
Dental clinic	250
General repairs of Highways—Chapter 81	3,850
Snow and Ice removal (highways)	3,000
Snow and Ice removal (sidewalks)	100
Sidewalks (repairs)	100
Bridges	500
Ashburnham road, Chap. 90	1,000
Gate House or Leino Park road,	1,000
Worcester and Mile Hill roads, (maintenance) Chap. 90	800
Back roads	500
Watering Tubs and Guide Boards	75
Street Lighting	1,640.04

State Aid	\$240
Soldiers' Relief	200
Board of Public Welfare	1,500
Old age assistance Law	1,000
Schools (including amount from State)	36,000
Trade or Vocational School	300
Forbush Library—dog license fund and	1,100
Cemeteries	1,500
Interest payments	1,250
Payment of debt—Fire engine note	1,000

Overdrafts:

General Government	49.44
Fire Department	11.93
Vocational School	45.97
Interest	28.17
County aid to agriculture	100
Care of Town Clock	20
Memorial Day and care of monument	125
Care of World War Memorial	75
Printing Town Reports	298.85
Miscellaneous	400
Hager Park	400
Reserve fund	500
Expense of Committee to prepare By-laws	200
Survey on Ashburnham road	43.55

Total \$67,964 58

Article 18.

Voted to accept a part of the Ashburnham road as laid out by the Selectmen and to raise and appropriate \$43.55 to pay for the survey.

Article 19.

Voted to adopt the official ballot as provided by Chapter 41, Section 6, of the General Laws.

Article 20.

A motion to install two street lights on Nichols Street was voted in the negative.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES,

Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 25, 1931.

Article 1.

Chose Philip H. Loughlin for Moderator.

Article 2.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000) for snow removal for the current year.

Article 3.

Voted not to purchase new snow plow equipment. 17 positive, 31 negative.

Article 4.

Passed over.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

ESTHER H. HICKS,

Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 1931.

Article 1.

Philip H. Loughlin chosen for Moderator.

Article 2.

Voted to accept the By-Laws as prepared by the committee appointed at the annual March meeting of 1931.

Article 3.

Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1300. for the use of the School Department. An amendment to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 more to open the Depot school to relieve the overcrowded condition at the Upton School was voted in the negative, also voted that the Town raise and appropriate the following sums of money for use by the following departments:

Trade School	\$600.
Board of Public Welfare	1800.
Board of Health	200.
Liability Insurance	250.66
Interest on note	200.

Article 4.

Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$7.28 to pay a bill of 1928 for the School Department.

Article 5.

Voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to sell the South Westminster, Lake, and Minot school buildings.

Voted that the meeting be adjourned, 9.20 P. M.

ESTHER H. HICKS,

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

For the year ending December 31, 1931.

Note—If any error in names or dates are noticed, or any omissions, please inform the Town Clerk.

Births recorded	23
Deaths recorded	21
Brought into Town for burial, (non-resident)	14
Marriages recorded	20

BIRTHS 1931

Date	Name of child	Name of parents
Jan. 5	Donald Earl Caswell	Howard and Annie
Jan. 6	Vernon James Holmes	James and Irene
Jan. 16	Daniel Walter Tamoszaitis	Martin and Annie
Jan. 27	Elsie Irene Tandy	Everett and Margaret
Jan. 27	Russell Arthur Stone	Melvin and Pearle
April 23	Alfred Cyril Barrett	Ernest and Lavina
May 5	Barbara Lee Billings	Maurice and Anna
May 8	Philip Paul Peterson	Paul and Blanche
May 11	Eleanor Virginia Grant	James and Esther
May 16	Neil Leonard John Marsh	Neil and Marion
May 27	Barbara Ruth Pike	George and Ruth
June 11	June Irene Thomas	George and Beatrice
June 26	Tom William Hill	Toivo and Thelma

Date	Name of child	Name of parents
July 17	Annette Jane Towle	Harold and Marion
Aug. 12	Jack Richard Braks	Urho and Esther
Sept. 24	William Henry Holland, Jr.	William and Rosie
Oct. 9	James Monroe Clapper	Delbert and Rehta
Oct. 25	Raymond Garfield Moore	Edward and Winifred
Oct. 25	Gordon Hunter Moore	Edward and Winifred
Nov. 10	Helen Josephine Niemi	Henry and Hilma
Dec. 11	Joan Evelyn Reynolds	Charles and Elizabeth
Dec. 17	Robert Joseph Rameau	George and Alice
Dec. 27	Barbara Ann Goodridge	Wilfred and Kathryn

DEATHS 1931.

Date		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 13	Mary Adams	37		
Jan. 27	Rosalie Barrett	84	10	12
Jan. 28	Arno E. Hurd	66	1	
Feb. 1	Hattie L. Gilson	67	5	11
Feb. 23	John Kenney	66	7	30
April 24	Martha A. Raymond	76		
May 1	Lucy Emma (Lynde) Mansur	74	7	15
May 5	Horace E. Davis	89	9	11
May 15	Lizzie J. Reed	98	3	
July 12	Iohanna S. Matson	72	9	18
July 29	Emma E. Battles	74	5	3
Aug. 22	Martha A. Simonds	86	5	4
Sept. 7	Usko A. Nappila	18	10	12
Sept. 27	Mary E. Parcher	85	6	5
Oct. 6	Louise Tiideman	64		
Nov. 9	Burns W. Sanborn	81		22
Nov. 10	Anna D. Sanborn	74	7	10
Nov. 14	Mary D. B. Locke	88	5	5
Nov. 22	Katherine J. Durling	70	5	29
Dec. 18	Albert Howard	86	6	25
Dec. 19	Kalle J. Rintala	42	8	18

BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL (Non-resident)

Date of Death	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days	From
1931					
Jan. 6	Harold F. Osgood	41	?	?	Gardner
Feb. 10	Albert Hubert	46	4	23	Worcester
Mar. 2	Stella L. Smith	67		23	Fitchburg
Mar. 29	Douglas G. Parcher	23	8	1	Fitchburg
April 2	S. Dwight Simonds	85	1	28	Brattleboro, Vt
May 5	Harland L. Neal	50	9	7	Gardner
May 10	Carl L. Nichols	52	7	14	Lancaster
June 15	Clair A. Parker	63			Holden
Aug. 9	Renaldo Brewer	72			Gardner
Aug. 14	* Wallace A. Minot	63	5	22	Gardner
Sept. 12	Lillian M. Polland	33	11	7	Fitchburg
Sept. 20	Amanda Savola	44	8	2	Fitchburg
Nov. 4	Elbert L. Peabody	52	8	20	Orange
Dec 16	Bernard F. Fardy	51	4	2	Somerville
Nov. 22	*Removed to Green Bower Cemetery, Gardner				

MARRIAGES 1931

Date and place of marriage.	Name	Residence
Jan. 29	John C. Elola	Westminster
Gardner	Bertha I. (Kurika) Mattson	Westminster
Feb. 14	Carl W. Matson	Westminster
Fitzwilliam, N. H.	Veronica Madeline LaBeck	So. Royalston
March 7	Toivo Herman Jaaskelainen	Westminster
Gardner	Isabella Treasea Lampert	Gardner
June 1	Gedeon Joseph Noel	Westminster
Gardner	Estelle Alice Fontaine	Gardner

Date and place of marriage.	Name	Residence
June 3 Gardner	William John Venning Nina Betty Yatkola	Gardner Westminster
June 19 Greenville, N.H.	Willard A. Gates Marion E. Burnett	Westminster Fitchburg
June 27 Leominster	Paul Buck Mansur Priscilla Mae Thurston	Westminster Leominster
July 25 Westminster	John I. Perry Pearl S. (Kidder) Williams	Gardner Peterborough, N.H.
Aug. 12 Westminster	Toivo Henry Hemmi Bernice May Rowe	Fitchburg Westminster
Aug. 16 Westminster	Ellsworth Leroy Carpenter Ella Muriel Smith	Windsor, Vt. Windsor, Vt.
Aug. 20 Westminster	James W. H. Baker Olive Louise Minot	Halifax, Mass. Halifax, Mass.
Oct. 3 Westminster	Arthur John Eberhard Dorothy Raymond Battles	Springfield Westminster
Oct. 11 Westminster	Harold Freeman Damon Marguerite Frasier	Hanson Whitman
Oct. 14 Westminster	Norman Francis Gallant Laura Mary (Chicoine) Martin	Gardner Gardner
Oct. 17 Portland, Maine	Edmund B. Reed Rachel Hurd	Westminster Westminster
Oct. 26 Westminster	Philip LeBlanc Marion Alice (Tenney) Reynolds	Fitchburg Winchendon

Date and place of marriage.	Name	Residence
Nov. 16 Westminster	Raymond Lewis Sargent Alice Mildred Chase	Westminster Westminster
Dec. 5 Fitchburg	Henry Albert Brough Louise Frye	Westminster Fitchburg
Dec. 5 Concord, N. H.	Paavo K. Leikkanen Gertrude A. Forss	Westminster Fitchburg
Dec. 26 Westminster	Charles Wendall Albro Harriet Mansfield Smith	Monson Westminster

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1931.

Licenses have been issued to the following persons:

Adams, Charles	\$2	Drury, Lillian	\$2
Aho, Aarne (4)	11	Durling, K. J.	2
Aho, Arvo	2	Dyer, Alta	2
Aho, Emanuel	2	Earle, Maud I.	2
Aho, Lauri	2	Eaton, Leon	2
Antilla, Isaac	2	Ehalaianen, Otto	2
Antilla, Matti	5	Either, Ernest	2
Arcangeli, G.	2	Engman, George	2
Arvio, Charles	2	Fagan, Andrew	5
Autyo, Waino	2	Fairbanks, Cora	2
Baker, Preston	2	Fletcher, Clifford	5
Ballou, George	2	French, Marshall	2
Bascomb, A. L.	2	Friberg, John	2
Battles, H. N.	5	Goodridge, J. C.	2
Battles, R. W. (2)	4	Goodridge, Wilfred	5
Bergkuist, A.	2	Grant, J. T.	2
Bernhardt, Carl (3)	6	Ilakala, Victor	2
Bilson, K. J.	2	Hamalainen, Antti	2
Black, Luna J.	2	Hamilton, E. M. (4)	11
Brackett, Wilfred	2	Hanks, Henry	2
Braks, Emma	2	Hanninen, Otto (2)	4
Brandt, Carl	2	Hartwell, Lewis	2
Brigham, Orrin	2	Heikkila, Alex.	2
Buckman, Wm.	2	Helman, August	2
Codding, Arthur	2	Herold, W. O.	2
Collette, Bessie	2	Hetu, Albert	2
Corbett, Alice	2	Hill, William	5
Cousins, Ivan (2)	4	Hills, Phillips	2
Cramer, Harold (2)	7	Hintala, E.	2
Cummings, Nathan	2	Hokkanen, Otto	2
Curtis, Mrs. H. L.	5	Holm, Carl (2)	4
Dawley, C. B.	2	Honkala, Oiva	2
Dawley, G. L.	2	Hurme, Arnold	5

Hussary, Andrew	\$5	McAdams, Leon (2)	\$7
Hutchinson, Bertha	2	McConlough, J.	2
Ikaheimo, J.	2	Merchant, Jos.	2
Jaaskelinen, H.	2	Mickson, Vaino (2)	4
Jamsa, Jack	2	Miller, Grace E.	2
Jamsa, John	2	Montville, Laura	2
Jarvenpaa, Eino	2	Moore, Edward	2
Johnson, Hjalma	2	Muhonen, Helmi	2
Kangas, Henry	2	Nelson, Jesse (3)	6
Kanto, Mary	5	Nelson, Nils	2
Kantola, Linda	2	Newell, Fred	2
Karvonen, John (2)	4	Newton, Edmund	2
Keough, M. C.	2	Niemi, Kasper	2
Keskinen, H.	2	Nikki, Toivo	2
Kinnari, Ida	2	Nisula, Frank	2
Kinnary, Karle	2	Nisula, Stephen	2
Korkala, Kusti	2	Nitsche, George	2
Koski, Jacob	2	Noel, Exzelia	2
Krans, Iver	2	Noel, St. Denis	2
Kujanpaa, Wm.	5	Page, J. H.	2
Kurikka, Victor	2	Peltari, Nestor	2
Lahtinen, Charles	2	Percy, Paul	2
Lasson, Mikko	2	Pesola, Hilda	2
Laukkanen, Waino (2)	4	Pike, Geo. N.	2
Lehtinen, Ellen	2	Pokela, Eseri	2
Lehtonen, Frank	2	Putney, William (3)	6
Leighton, Leona	2	Racine, Mrs. T.	2
Leikenen, Kalle (2)	4	Raita, Aaro	2
Linguist, Carl	2	Rameau, Cyril	2
Loughlin, P. H. Jr.	2	Reed, Leslie	2
Luoma, Lauri	2	Reynolds, C. H.	2
Lynde, Chester (2)	10	Reynolds, C. L. (2)	4
MacAloney, Frank	2	Rhodes, George	2
MacAloney, Wm. (2)	4	Rice, Dorothy	2
Maki, Emil (2)	4	Rowe, Chester	2
Maki, Gusti	2	Sakkinen, Charles	2
Mansur, Edith	2	Sakkinen, John	2
Mantilla, Chas.	2	Salo, Andrew	2
Mattson, Toivo	2	Salo, August	2

Savilanpaa, H. (2)	\$4	Wilson, Victor	\$2
Schrieber, Anna	2	Winter, Kusti	2
Sellman, Toivo	2	Wiswell, George	2
Seppala, Gus	2	Withington, Harry	2
Seretto, A. (2)	7	Wuth, Emil (2)	4
Sillanpaa, Victor	2	Yatkola, Arthur	2
Slade, Fred	2	York, Chas. C.	2
Smith, Carl	2	Young, Eunlce	2
Smith, Ernest	2		
Stanbridge, Richard	2	Total,	\$486.00
Strout, William (2)	7	Clerk's fees	42.00
Suomela, Michael	2		
Tamoszaitis, Annie M.	2	Amt. sent to County	
Tamoszaitis, Martin	5	to Dec. 1, 1931	\$444.00
Toonros, Oscar	2		
Towle, H. A.	2	Transfers issued:	
Tuomela, Peter	2	Hamalainen, Edward	
Tuomi, Axel	2	Herold, Oswald M.	
Vieweg, Ernest	2	Johnson, Isaak	
Wainonen, E.	2	Murray, James	
Walkonen, Oiva	5	ESTHER H. HICKS,	
Waltonen, H. (2)	4	Town Clerk.	
Waronen, Axel	2		
Wartiainen, Peter	2		
Wasara, Reino	2		
Wedlock, J. S.	5		
Wiinikainen, Abel	2		

Report of the Charlton Home Farm Association.

For the Year ending December 31, 1931.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1, 1931	\$2,773 76
Inmates' Board	11,109 56
Boarders	688 44
Milk	910 73
Stock	1,152 00
Miscellaneous	8 20
Interest	43 89

\$16,686 58

EXPENDITURES.

H. D. Sargent and Wife	\$1,800 00
Help, inside and out	1,204 45
Miscellaneous	923 84
Groceries	1,268 97
Meat and Provisions	1,227 25
Grain	1,420 65
Coal	610 72
Gasoline and Oil	161 79
Tobacco	259 76
Supplies	1,164 19
General Repairs	201 32
Electricity	108 24

Telephone	\$60 16	
Stock	840 60	
Medical attendance	44 50	
Insurance	92 00	
		\$11,888 44
Cost of new building		4,324 01
		15,712 45
Balance in treasury		974 13

Ashburnham, Brookfield, Charlton, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holden, Leicester, Millbury, Oakham, Paxton, Rutland, Warren, West Brookfield, Westminster, Princeton and Holland had inmates during the year, and Auburn, Berlin, Boylston, Dana, New Braintree, Sterling and Hubbardston had none.

For several years, the Supervisor of State Infirmaries has recommended an addition to the house, so that inmates occupying the third floor, could be cared for on the ground floor.

At its July meeting, the Association voted to build the addition and appropriated 4,500.00 for the same. This addition is completed and occupied, and the several towns in the Association will be assessed to pay for it. It is hoped that this will be attended to at the several Town Meetings.

The expense of the new addition follows:—

Contract, carpenter, plasterer, etc.	\$3,489 00	
Plumbing and heating	490 00	
Electric wiring and fixtures	60 00	
Paint material and labor	260 01	
Plans, etc.	25 00	
		\$4,324 01

Respectfully submitted,

H. N. SHEPARD, President.

LOUIS M. HANFF, Sec'y and Treas.

Charlton, Mass., Jan. 1, 1932.

AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR 1931.

I have audited all bills of the Association for the year ending Dec. 31, 1931, including money received and expended, and have found them correct; also all checks which were signed by the President and Treasurer.

CARL F. DAVIS,

Auditor.

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners.

The usual cleaning up of grounds at different cemeteries, mowing grass and other work has been done during the year 1931.

Three new drives have been made on land given by Joseph Hager at Woodside Cemetery but more work needs to be done to them.

W. F. NEAL,
FRANK S. PARKS,
ELMER WALKER,

Cemetery Commissioners.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

School Committee.

Mrs. Agnes W. Mansur, Chairman	Term expires 1933
Mrs. Frances Merriam, Secretary	Term expires 1932
A. Charles Hicks	Term expires 1934

Superintendent of Schools, H. L. Ballou, Sterling, Mass.

School Physician, George A. Mossman, M. D.
Gardner, Mass.

School Nurse, Helen McKowen, R. N., Gardner, Mass.

Supervisor of Music, Priscilla T. Mansur.

Supervisor of Drawing, Helen M. Groves.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

To conform to that of Fitchburg.

HONOR ATTENDANCE.

Grade 2.	
Rita Flagg	Richard Siegle
Grade 3.	
Alice Holmes	
Grade 4.	
Ida Arcangeli	
Grade 5.	
Helen Jaaskalainen	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee respectfully submits its report for the year 1931.

The plumbing system in the Upton School was thoroughly overhauled last summer. It was found that the surface water as well as the sewage, was piped into the cesspool. Every heavy rain forced out the surface water to the top of the ground, with what sewage it could take with it.

The tile carrying the sewage was broken under an opening in the corner of the furnace room. This being directly connected with the cesspool, was anything but sanitary.

The tile pipes were replaced with extra heavy four-inch iron pipes, and the surface water carried out away from the cesspool.

The pump that draws the water from the artesian well was raised, and the pump room finished with a three-inch coating of waterproof cement. This prevents the water coming in and standing on the floor of the girl's basement.

Dole valves were installed in the heating system, which together with the coal carburetor, reduce ou coal bill.

Five of our district school houses have been sold during the year. This will increase the amount of taxable property in town and reduce the school insurance and maintenance. The Lake was sold to William McKeough of Gardner for \$115; the South Westminster to Fred Hetu for \$80; North Westminster to Evert Vainonen for \$160; Beech Hill to Herman Jaaskelainen for \$105, and the Minott to Heino Hakila for \$135.

Four district school houses now remain the property of the town, the Narrows, North Common, Whitmanville, and the Depot.

The two children of Oscar Kamila, who have been attending school in Ashburnham, have been transferred to the Upton School. The change was made Sept. 1st. This means a saving of about \$150 to the town.

The sudden death of the Chairman, Mr. Arno E. Hurd, on Jan. 28, 1931, was felt not only on the Board, but throughout the community. He had given generously of his time and energy, and was always an influence for good. Mrs. Agnes W. Mansur was elected to complete his unexpired term.

Respectfully submitted,

AGNES W. MANSUR,
E. FRANCES MERRIAM,
A. CHARLES HICKS.

Report of School Nurse.

I herewith submit report as school nurse from Jan. 1, 1931 to Jan. 1, 1932.

Two days each school week were spent in the schools.

Children inspected at school	644
Treatments at school	380
Home calls	159
Telephone follow ups	30
Children weighed and measured	384
Children having ear tests by audiometer	253
Children sent to Ashburnham Health Camp	1
Children immunized against Diphtheria	12

4 children were examined at the clinic at Sterling, for the mentally retarded. 1 child operated upon at the Shriners' hospital at Springfield, and advised and treated at the follow-up clinics at that place. 12 operations for tonsils and adenoids. 10 pair of glasses obtained. During April a dentist was at the town hall for 17 days. 312 treatments were made on 82 children. \$47.91 was collected by the nurse and turned over to the Town Treasurer. In October the children had their usual physical examination by the school doctor. 101 notices were sent to the parents calling attention to some minor defect.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN T. McKOWEN, R. N.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

This is my fourth and the forty-second in the series of Superintendent's reports in this district.

This last year we have had but one resignation from the regular force, that of Miss Bernice Rowe. Miss Mary Smith was elected to teach the fourth grade in the Upton Building in her place, and Miss Marion Roper was given the part-time position in the third grade. In November Miss Claire Comtois, Supervisor of Drawing, left to accept a full-time position. Miss Helen M. Groves was appointed to succeed her.

Although our scholarship last year was of a high order, the Stanford Achievement tests show that it improved slightly this year. The practice of keeping teachers over a term of years is surely justified.

The State reimbursement this year is as follows:

General Fund, Part I	\$3422.50
General Fund, Part II	3893.60
Employment of a Union Superintendent	773.33
High School Tuition	2109.00
High School Transportation	2826.55
Adult Alien Education	97.28
Vocational Aid	328.00
	\$13,825.26

This year \$13,497.26 is reimbursed on the regular school appropriation, so that 36.18% of the cost of Westminster's schools is borne by the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. BALLOU.

TEACHING PERSONNEL.

Name.	High School.	Norm. School or College.	Teaching Experience
Maurice P. Billings \$2000	Southwest Harbor, Me. 1922	University of Maine 1922-26 Sum. '27, '28, '29, '30.	Westminster, 1927
Signe Antila \$1200	Fitchburg 1925	Fitchburg Nor. 1929, 4 yrs.	Westminster, 1929
Constance Curtis \$1200	Groton 1925.	Tufts '30 4 yrs	Westminster, 1930
Catherine Sullivan \$1100	Fitchburg 1925	Fitchburg Nor. 1927, 2 yrs. Sum. '27, '29, '30	Westminster, 1927
Gertrude S. Shannon \$1200	Cleveland Central 1897	Cleveland Sch. of Education	Cleveland Pub. Schools 1901-'13 Westm'r 1926
Sylvia Turunen \$1050	Fitchburg 1925	Fitchburg Nor. 1928, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1928
Doris M. Fenno \$1200	Gardner 1913	Cush. Acad. '14 Sum. Hyannis '20 Fitchburg '26, '30	Westminster, 1920
Carrie I. Estabrook \$1000	Westminster 1909	Sum. Hyannis '20 Fitch. '26, '29	Westminster, 1911
Doris Cummings \$1000	Westminster	Fitchburg Nor. 1929, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1929
Mary Smith \$900	Westminster 1928	Fitchburg Nor. 1930, 2 yrs.	Westminster. 1930
Marion Roper* \$12.50 per week	Westminster 1927 B. U.	Mass. State 1931	Westminster. 1931

*Teaches mornings only in 3rd grade

Program
Third Annual Commencement
Upton Junior High School

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1931,

8.00 P. M.

MARCH	Hazel Stevenson, Marshal
INVOCATION	Rev. Scott C. Siegle
SALUTATORY	Helen Laukkanen
CLASS HISTORY	Helen Wintturi
ADDRESS TO THE UNDERGRADUATES	Preston Baker
RESPONSE FOR THE UNDERGRADUATES	Edna Brandt
ORATION	Bruce Shannon
HYMN TO AMERICA Junior High School Chorus	
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Olive Coombs, Leo Walker
CLASS GRUMBLER	Doris Goguen
CLASS WILL	Henry Anttila, Martin Tamoszaitis
MEMORIAL ESSAY (First Choice)	Olive Coombs
CLASS PROPHECY	Marian Earle, Edgar Holmes
VALEDICTORY	Irene Nisula
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS	Supt. Harold Ballou
PRESENTATION OF GRANGE EXCELLENCE PRIZE	
CLASS ODE, written by	Betty Conant, Hilda Aho
CLASS ODE, sung by	Graduates
RECEPTION	

CLASS ROLL

Preston Baker, President Helen Laukkanen, Vice-President
Olive Coombs, Sec. and Treas.

Hilda Aho	Martha Aho	Henry Anttila
John Carpenter	Betty Conant	Marian Earle
Doris Goguen	Edgar Holmes	Shirley Laughton
William Leighton	Harold Muhonen	Irene Nisula
Mary Parnanen	Pavo Parnanen	Martha Saarela
Bruce Shannon	Louise Smith	Martin Tamoszaitis
Leo Walker	Toivo Waltonen	Helen Wintturi

Class Motto—B² and be Y's

Class Flower—Medium Red Rose

Class Colors—Old Rose and Silver

Westminster Congregational Church

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. THE BULL FIGHT | (F. D. H.) Brooklyn Eagle |
| Bruce Shannon | |
| 2. THE LEAP OF RANSHON BEG | Longfellow |
| Barbara Roberts | |
| 3. HOW THEY SAVED ST. MICHAELS | Aldine |
| Donald Veino | |
| Selections—Singing—Grade V. | |
| 4. SEEIN' THINGS AT NIGHT | Field |
| Eli Kahkola | |
| 5. THE ROAD TO VAGABONDIA | Burnet |
| Florence Thorell | |
| 6. CASEY AT THE BAT | Thayer |
| Earl Wood | |
| Selections—Singing—Grade IV. | |
| Duet—Lillian and Bertha Tamozaitis | |
| 7. THE BUSY BODY | |
| Aino Keskinen | |
| 8. RIDING THE RIM ROCK | Sharp |
| Charles Gibson | |
| 9. MR. TRAVERS' FIRST HUNT | Davis |
| Irma Strang | |
| Chorus—Month of May | Roses of Picardy |
| Presentation of Prizes | Supt. Ballou |
| 1. Eli Kahkola | 2. Bruce Shannon |
| 1. Irma Strang | 2. Barbara Roberts |

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Taxes 1929.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1931	\$186 34
Payments to Treasurer	186 34

Taxes 1930.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1931		17,575 34
Audit adjustment		8 20
Payments to Treasurer	16,708 75	
Abatements	122 20	
Tax titles	658 38	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1931 (in hands Col.)	94 21	
		17,583 54

Taxes 1931.

Commitment of Taxes		52,126 04
Payments to Treasurer	33,001 32	
Abatements	151 60	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1931	18,973 12	
		52,126 04

Interest.

Previous years, 1929	\$4 34
1930	549 84

Current year	1931	29 80	
			\$583 98

Moth Tax 1929.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1931		2 62
Payments to Treasurer		2 62

Moth Tax 1930.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1931		89 38
Audit adjustment		1 76
Payments to Treasurer	90 62	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1931	52	

91 14

Moth Tax 1931.

Commitment		154 66
Payments to Treasurer	80 14	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1931	74 52	

154 66

Old Age Assistance Tax, 1931.

Commitment		478 00
Payments to Treasurer	309 00	
Audit adjustment	1 00	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1931	68 00	

478 00

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1930.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1930		219 32
Over payment by Collector (as per audit)		28 58
Refunds paid		7 72
Payments to Treasurer	244 01	

Audit adjustment	\$7 61	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1931	4 00	
		\$255 62

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1931.

Commitment		3,037 85
Overpayment by Collector (as per audit)		3 29
Refunds paid		76 80
Payments to Treasurer	2,784 29	
Abatements	50 53	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1931	288 12	
		3,117 94

WINDSOR F. NEAL,
Tax Collector.

Report of Committee for Care of World War Memorial.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1931.

Appropriation	\$75 00	
Expended	63 55	
Balance unexpended		\$11 45

For details see Report of Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE T. DAWLEY,
IDA E. MERRIAM,
M. NELLIE MILLER,

Committee.

REPORT OF CONSTABLE.

To the Selectmen:—

The following is a report of the Constable for year Jan. 1, 1931 to December 31, 1931.

During this period I have investigated:

114 criminal complaints
54 automobile accidents
15 tax warrants
12 abandoned automobiles
7 stray dogs
1 suicide
1 fire
Made 6 arrssts
Served 5 summons
Served 2 search warrants
Served 1 dog warrant
Served 2 Town Meeting warrants
Served 1 dog notice
Served 1 day traffic duty
Total 229

In addition to this I have served 46 Tax Warrants, attended 6 dances at Holmes Park, 5 dances at Lakewood Park, also on duty 10 Sundays at Lakewood Park.

On a total of 229 complaints I worked 612 hours and traveled 2,937 miles. The average wage per hour was .58½, average per mile was

.10. The largest month was August, with 41 complaints, 134 hours and 714 miles. Smallest month was February, with 4 complaints, 9 hours, 19 miles. There were 18 defendants in Court, also 4 juveniles on the following complaints:

Drunkenness 8, Operating under influence 6, Operating to endanger 3, Fishing on posted land 2, Trespass 2, Speeding 1, Juvenile 4, of these complaints 14 paid fines to amount of \$800.00. 3 sentenced to 1 month with sentence suspended and probation 6 months. 1 sentenced 2 months. 3 discharged, 4 probation one year.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Again I would recommend the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a permanent Police Officer or Officers, as a part time Constable cannot give sufficient time to many complaints. Traffic is also increasing to a point where some time should be given, to have more supervision, especially from April 1st. to October 31st. A full time officer would be available at any time and fines should offset any extra cost.

I would also recommend that a suitable place be provided where police business could be conducted and records kept.

These recommendations are based on the increase of police work in Town the past 5 years.

HAROLD A. TOWLE,

Constable.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The relief work conducted by this board the past year was double that of any previous year, and the income from the Frederick Smith Fund provided less than one-third of our needs.

There were three dependents cared for at the Home Farm. All others were aided in their own homes. We had seven State and other town cases, three Mothers' Aid cases and seventeen families with children, one hundred sixty-eight persons in all.

There has been a men's dormitory built recently at the Home Farm, a much needed improvement. The cost to this Town will be \$168.00.

This Board has been represented at all meetings of the Association, the officers being the same as in 1930. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sargent continuing as Warden and Matron.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS W. FRENCH, Chairman,
CYRUS T. MILLER,
MAUD I. MILLER,
Board of Public Welfare.

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE.

The Bureau of Old Age Assistance became a unit of the Town's business July 1st. We have granted assistance to seven applicants, and have one being aided out of town. We have aided three cases for other towns and received full reimbursement for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS T. MILLER, Chairman,
L. W. FRENCH,
MAUD I. MILLER,

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Westminster, Mass., Jan. 1, 1932.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby have the honor to submit for your approval our fourth and the thirteenth annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31st, 1931.

This year we were very fortunate in not having as many fires as last year and no large losses.

We were therefore able to do some of the things which last year we recommended.

The inside of the Fire Station has long been in need of repair. This we have taken care of. A new ceiling has been put on and the inside newly painted, a long felt want.

We have added to our equipment a Blachard Tip which has long been needed, also a Salvage Cover which will we think be a great help in keeping down the loss caused by water.

FIRE RECORD.

This year we have answered thirty-one fires, twenty five less than last year. These are classed as follows:

Buildings 6

Chimney 15

Brush 7

Automobiles 3

In extinguishing these fires we have traveled 134 miles, raised 480 feet of ladders, laid 1,400 feet of 2½ inch hose and 1,425 feet of 1 inch hose. Used 62 pump cans and 14 hand chemicals.

HOSE.

We have in service 2,000 feet of 2½ inch double jacket rubber lined hose which is in fair condition.

APPARATUS.

One 500 gallon Seagrave Pump. This machine is equipped with an 85 gallon booster tank and 200 feet of 1½ inch hose, also 300 feet of garden hose which can be attached to the booster hose should we need a small amount of water and the same being some distance from a building.

This machine is in excellent condition. One Ford Howe Pump which we use for brush fire work and as an auxiliary piece. We feel that this machine should be equipped with at least 1,000 feet of brush fire hose. One Reo Hose Truck which carries beside hose, 62 feet of ladders and other equipment.

REPAIRS.

This year we believe that the back of the Fire Station should again be painted as this has had only a priming coat so far.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend for the third consecutive year that the Whitmanville Engine House be abolished. This building is badly in need of repair and we do not feel that we should spend any money on same.

We recommend that there be two more hand extinguishers placed in the Town Hall.

In conclusion we wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, and Town Accountant for their assistance and to all citizens who in any way assisted this Department. Also to all Officers and Members of the Department we wish to return thanks for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully yours,

F. S. SMITH,
HERBERT L. ROWE,
RAYMOND I. STOCKWELL,
Board of Fire Engineers.

County Aid to Agriculture.

Board of Selectmen, Westminster, Mass.

Following is my report on County Aid to Agriculture, Junior Dept. Pursuant to the Town's instructions at the March 1931 meeting, a more vigorous action in 4 H. Club work was started, and the girls' clubs particularly, under the able guidance and leadership of Mrs. Mildred Nye and Mrs. Annie Conant have achieved notable results, including three 3d. prizes at different fairs on their exhibits.

The boys' clubs did not do so well, due mostly to the extreme difficulty in finding a boys' club leader with the necessary perspicacity, in addition to the large amount of time required, but now under the able leadership of Mr. M. P. Billings we hope to either equal or surpass the girls' clubs.

No appropriation seems necessary for the coming year as we have a balance of \$152.80 left on January 1, 1932.

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1, 1931, on hand, balance	\$76 70
(Received Feb. 1930, but not shown on 1930 account, \$4 00 from Olavi Neimi on chicks purchased for Poultry Club)	4 00
	\$80 70
Nov. 30, 1931, appropriation received	100 00
	\$180 70

EXPENDITURES.

Wm. Laukkanen, transportation of 4-H Club members to picnic	\$6 00	
Expenses to Child Guidance Leaders' Meetings:		
Annie Conant	.95	
H. Mickson	.95	
		1 90
Mrs. Annie Conant, services as 4-H Club leader	10 00	
Mrs. A. Nye, services as 4-H Club leader	10 00	
		27 90
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1932		\$152 80

ERNEST M. VIEWEG,
Town Director.

HAGER PARK.

The Trustees of the property have no special report to make at this time. Fire wood has been cut, prepared and delivered to the Town Hall, Schools, and Library, dry. The cost for the coming year will be about \$5.25 per cord for four-foot wood and \$7.25 for sawed wood.

Many residents of the town probably are not familiar with this 100 acre tract of land, most of which is covered with growing wood and timber. Briefly, it begins a few rods in from the lower gate of Woodside Cemetery, by land of Frank Adams and running southerly to nearly the top of "Green Hill" thence northerly by land of "Moses the Ice Man" formerly the original Hager Farm, to the pine grove (Pearce Cottage Land, Worcester Road) thence easterly to said Pearce land and land of Hobart Raymond to the cemetery extension, which by the way was given to the Town by Mr. Hager 25 years ago, more or less, and was then a part of this same tract of land, thence by the cemetery wall around to the place of beginning.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO,
CARLOS E. BARRON,
FRANK W. DERBY,

Trustees.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

Town appropriations	\$74,322 52
State tax	1,650 00
State Park and Reservations tax	31 93
Auditing Municipal accounts tax	13 86
Old Age Assistance tax. Special	478 00
County tax	2,640 00
Overlay	484 46

\$79,620 77

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Income tax	7,398 08
Motor Vehicle Excise tax	3,000 00
Corporation tax	608 25
Bank tax	27 40
Licenses	190 00
Fines	101 00
General government	362 00
Protection of persons and property	102 60
Charities	1,012 06
Schools	8,354 62
Libraries	39 97
Recreation	496 00
Cemeteries	673 00

Interest on Investment	\$865 31	
Interest on taxes and assessments	332 13	
Highway Appropriation Offset, Chap. 122, Acts 1931	1,925 00	
Reimbursement for loss of taxes	1,541 91	
		\$27,029 33
Net amount raised on polls and property		52,591 44
Number of Old Age Assistance taxes	478 00	
Number of polls, 476 at \$2.00 (2 polls exempt)	952 00	
Total valuation, \$1,382.255 at \$37 per \$1,000		51,161 44
		52,591 44
Gain by fractions		1 50
		52,592 94
Local moth tax		154 66
Total amount of taxes		52,747 60

DECEMBER ASSESSMENT.

Valuation \$300 at \$37, Tax \$11.10

E. J. RAYMOND,
PETER SAKKINEN,
R. W. AHLIN,
Assessors of Westminster.

STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Westminster for the period from May 31, 1929, the date of the previous audit, to August 22, 1931, and submit the following report thereon;

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, were examined, checked, and verified.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were compared with the records in the departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were compared with the treasury warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

In order to verify the payments and to reconcile the treasurer's cash, it was necessary to check individual warrant items to cancelled checks, which process disclosed overpayments and underpayments of items on the warrants, as well as payments for which no warrants were issued.

The cash book additions were checked, the cash on hand was proved, and the bank balance was proved with a statement furnished by the bank.

It is recommended that the treasurer reconcile his bank balance with the cash book balance at regular intervals, so that possible errors may be located and adjusted promptly. Payments should be made only on authority of warrants approved by the selectmen, as required by Section 52, Chapter 41, General Laws, while receipts should be promptly entered on the cash book showing source, nature, and amounts in detail.

The securities and savings bank deposits representing the investment of the several trust funds were examined and listed. The income and new funds were found to be as reported, and the payments were verified. The securities of the Ellis School Fund and the Ellis Library Fund, considered to be of no value, have been written off the books by the treasurer since the previous audit. It is recommended that this matter be referred to the town for adjustment.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The receipts as recorded were compared with the records in the departments collecting money for the town and with the treasurer's books, while the payments were checked with the warrants issued by the selectmen and with the books of the treasurer.

The appropriations, as recorded on the ledger, were checked with the town clerk's records of town meetings, and transfers from the reserve fund were checked with the records of the finance committee.

The ledger was analyzed, the necessary adjustments were made, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on August 22, 1931.

An examination of the appropriation accounts showed small overdrafts in 1929 and 1930. These overdrafts were, in each case, provided for in the following year, and it appears that much care is being taken to avoid the incurring of liabilities in excess of appropriations.

The computation of the tax rates by the assessors was listed and checked. It appears that in compiling the estimated receipts of 1930, the amount of income tax distributed by the State in accordance with Chapter 70, General Laws, has been used both as an anticipated income

tax receipt and as a school receipt. As a consequence, the amounts actually collected in 1930 from sources other than taxation and loans were less than the estimated receipts by \$1,355.35.

In computing the tax levy great care should be taken in estimating amounts to be received from sources other than taxation, since a deficit in the estimated receipts account has a corresponding affect on the surplus revenue of the town.

It appears that the assessors have not added the commitment lists given by them to the collector, as differences between the commitment lists and warrants were found in the 1929 and 1930 commitments of property taxes and moth assessments, as well as in the 1931 poll and old age assistance tax commitments.

In 1930, a tax listed as \$1,530 on the assessors' valuation book was entered in the collector's commitment book as \$530, and collected as \$530. After the error was called to the attention of the assessors, the amount on the commitment list was changed to \$1,530, to correspond with that on the valuation book, and on December 27, 1930, the taxpayer paid an additional \$1,000 without interest.

The instructions to the assessors to add the commitment list, and to prove it with the warrant to the collector, should be followed.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The taxes and assessments outstanding at the time of the previous examination were audited, and all commitments of taxes and assessments of 1929, 1930, and 1931, were added and reconciled with the assessors' warrants. The collections, as recorded on the cash books, were checked with the postings to the commitment books, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements as recorded were compared with the assessors' record of abatements granted and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger.

The outstanding accounts were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received, it appears, that these accounts, as listed, are correct.

On August 22, 1931, a discrepancy of \$185.62 was found in the collector's cash; on September 10, 1931, the accounts were brought up to date, and a second reconciliation of his cash showed that the discrepancy had been reduced to \$132.16.

The collections of taxes are not entered promptly on the collector's books although attention was called to this matter in the report of the previous audit.

The surety bonds of the town clerk, treasurer, and collector, for the faithful performance of their duties, were examined and were found to be in proper form.

No record has been kept of the receipts of the dental clinic, but arrangements have been made for keeping the necessary records in the future.

The accounts of the cemetery commissioners, each of whom is collecting money for work done in the several cemeteries, were examined so far as possible. Only one of the commissioners had a complete record of charges and collections, and it is recommended that, in the future, a record of all transactions be kept to permit the checking of these accounts.

While engaged in making the audit, I received the co-operation of all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. FENTON,

Chief Accountant.

Town of Westminster, Balance Sheet, Aug. 22, 1931, General Accounts.

ASSETS

Cash:
 General, \$6,852.40
 Celebration Committee, 8.44
 Library Cash Advance, 10.00

\$6,870.84

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:
 Levy of 1929, \$.01
 Levy of 1930, 3,357.35
 Levy of 1931 (Polls), 190.00

Old Age Assistance Taxes 1931,

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1930, \$44.85
 Levy of 1931, 531.89

3,547.36
 199.00

576.74

Special Assessments:

Moth:

Levy of 1930,

2.55

Tax Titles,

141.02

Departmental:

Public Welfare \$2,037.02
 State Aid, 190.00

2,227.02

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Temporary Loans:

In Anticipation of Revenue, \$35,000.00
 Overpayments, Moth 1929, .70

Unexpended Appropriation Balances, 35,011.30

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus, 1,765.77

Overlays—Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1930, 788.36

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, \$576.74

Special Assessment, 2.55

Tax Title, 141.02

Departmental, 2,227.02

2,947.33

8,803.32

Surplus Revenue,

\$84,316.78

State Aid to Highways,	8,477.28	Fire Equipment Loan,	\$4,200.00
County Aid to Highways,	3,922.23		
Revenue 1931,	\$69,073.48	F. W. Smith Poor Fund,	\$36,529.62
Less Estimated Receipts		J. W. Forbush Poor Fund,	1,960.33
Collected,	13,693.41	Upton School Fund,	11,891.58
	55,380.07	Joseph Hager School Fund,	14,490.57
Overdrawn Accounts:		Preston P. Ellis School Fund,	580.78
Trust Fund Income (to be		Town Library Fund,	1,800.00
reimbursed from funds):		M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund,	525.00
Frederick W. Smith Poor Fund,	\$1,911.37	C. A. Forbush Library Fund,	500.00
	411.30	A. R. Hager Library Fund,	600.00
Upton School Fund,		M. D. Haws Library Fund,	1,000.00
Joseph Hager School Fund,	650.00	J. W. Forbush Library Fund,	1,000.00
		Preston P. Ellis Library Fund,	500.00
		Lucy J. Childs Library Fund,	150.00
		Frederick S. Whitman Library Fund,	300.00
		George A. Miller Library Fund,	1,901.16
		M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund,	1,043.60
Net Funded or Fixed Debt,	\$84,316.78	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	17,347.67
Trust and Investment Funds:	\$4,200.00	Wyman Water Investment Fund,	15,000.00
Cash and Securities,	\$107,120.31		

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TOWN ACCOUNTANT.

RECEIPTS—1931.

Taxes.

Current Year:

Poll	\$474 00
Personal	7,835 34
Real Estate	24,691 98

\$33,001 32

Received from Fitchburg in lieu of Taxes

747 33

Received from Tax Titles

66 35

Previous Years:

1929 Real Estate

136 34

1930—Poll

310 00

Personal

1,284 59

Real Estate

15,114 16

16,708 75

From State, Corporation, Bank, etc.:

From State:

Income Tax valuation	3,806 00
Corporation Tax, business	449 73
Corporation Tax, public service	161 67
Gas Tax	1,925 00
Trust Co., Tax	118 10
National Bank Tax	6 75

6,467 25

Massachusetts School Fund	\$3,893 60
Department of Education	2,772 83
Industrial School Aid	501 95
Income Tax Education	3,422 50
High School Tuition	2,484 00
High School Transportation	2,826 55
School Superintendent	773 33
High School	97 28
Tuition of Children	241 12

\$17,013 16

From Licenses :

Alcohol	7 00
Junk	9 00
Golf	108 00
Milk	10 00
Gas	25 00
Common Victualers	36 00
Sunday	42 00
Revolver	5 00
Fish and Meat	12 00
Inn Holders	5 00

259 00

From Court Fines 95 00

From Dog Licenses 358 56

From Hager Park Trustees :

Wood for Town Hall	45 00
Wood for Schools	182 26

227 26

From Moth Assessments :

1929 2 62

1930	\$90 62
1931	80 14

\$173 38

From Motor Vehicle Excise Tax :

1930	244 01
1931	2,784 29

3,028 30

From Old Age Assistance Tax :

1931	309 00
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

Town Hall :

Rent	308 00
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

Account of Gypsy Moth	15 20
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Inspection :

Animals	62 00
Sealer's fees	27 01

89 01

HEALTH AND SANITATION.

Dental Clinic :

Individuals	57 41
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HIGHWAYS AND STATE ROAD.

From State, Chap. 81	7,700 00
From State, Ashburnham road,	2,000 00
From State, Gate House road, (1930 Contract)	459 99

From State, Gate House road (1931 Contract)	\$2,000 00	
From State, Worcester road	1,599 87	
		\$13,759 86
From County, Ashburnham road	1,810 75	
(\$189.25 received since Jan. 1)		
From County, Gate House road, 1930 (Contract)	459 99	
From County, Gate House road (1931 Contract)	2,000 00	
From County, Worcester road	1,393 09	
		5,663 88

CHARITIES.

Reimbursement from State		
For State Aid	190 00	
From State, Veterans' exemption	92 68	
From State, Board of Public Welfare	384 26	
From Cities and Towns,		
Board of Public Welfare	221 05	
Old Age Assistance	198 04	
		1,086 08

SCHOOLS.

Sale of School houses	490 00	
Sale of book	85	
		490 85

LIBRARY.

Sale of books	1 50	
Fines	19 97	
		21 47

CEMETERIES.

For grass sold	\$20 00	
For work on lots	176 50	
For foundations	26 00	
For digging graves and burials	285 00	
For Care of Lots	108 00	
For sale of lot	5 00	
		\$615 50

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Revenue loan No. 52	25,000 00	
Revenue loan No. 53	10,000 00	
		35,000 00

INTEREST.

Taxes and tax title 1929	4 34	
Taxes 1930	549 84	
Taxes 1931	29 80	
		583 98

Income from Trust Funds.

(Credited to Library).

Town Library Fund	60 75	
Child's Library Fund	5 07	
George A. Miller Library Fund	66 54	
P. P. Ellis Library Fund	22 50	
Haws Library Fund	55 00	
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	11 25	
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	45 00	
A. R. Hager Library Fund	15 00	
Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	7 50	
Farnsworth Library Fund	11 81	
		300 42

From Gardner Trust Co.,

Interest on Deposit	\$123 75
Interest on Water Fund	484 86

 \$608 11

Trust and Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	375 00
Library Trust Fund	200 00

 575 00

Refunds and Transfers:

Refunds:

Loss of Taxes	774 39
Cemeteries	2 00
Schools	9 00
Board of Public Welfare	6 86

 792 25

Transfers: (Interest transferred to cash)

Smith Poor Fund	2,444 92
Upton School Fund	913 59
Hager School Fund	650 00
M. A. Greed Cemetery Wall Fund	51 00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	552 50

 \$4,612 01

 Total Receipts \$143,169 93

Cash on hand January 1, 1931	14,073 16
Certification of note as per audit, less	2 00

 1,4071 16

 \$157,241 09

EXPENDITURES.

General Government.

Legislative:

Moderator		\$5 00
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Selectmen:

Salaries	\$225 00
Printing and postage	15 77
Telephone	17 15
Other expense	3 00

\$260 92

Accountant:

Salary	400 00
Printing and postage	44
Telephone	40
Stamped envelopes	102 10
Supplies for all departments	71 58

574 52

Treasurer:

Salary	75 00
Surety bond	50 00
Care of Trust Funds	10 00
Printing and postage	5 35
Express	2 36

142 71

Collector:

Salary	514 31
Surety bond	75 00
Books	15 62
Tax title expense	97 66

702 59

Assessors:

Salaries	225 00
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Books, printing and postage	\$20 64
Telephone	85
Other expense	15 91

\$262 40

Other Finance and Office Accounts:

Certification of Notes	4 00
Rent of Safety Deposit Box	20 00

24 00

Town Clerk:

Salary	75 00
Surety Bond	5 00
Recording fees	4 50
Books, printing and postage	15 01

99 51

Election and Registration:

Wages for services.

Registrars	17 25
Election Officers	14 00
Printing and postage	7 90

39 15

Salaries for School Committee

225 00

\$2,885 80

Appropriation \$2,225.

Reserve fund 110.80

Town Hall:

Salary.

Janitor	300 00
Other labor	25 85
Water rent	18 75
Fuel	60 50
Lights	75 94

Telephone	\$18 95
Janitor's supplies	4 75
Repairs	47 17
Tuning piano	5 00

 \$551 91

(Appropriation \$1,000. Bal. \$448.09)

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

Constables:

Wages for Investigating Complaints	205 50
Investigating automobile accidents	86 50
Investigating dog complaints	38 50
Copying and Posting Warrants	2 00
Serving Summonses	46 50
Court fees	23 50
Transportation	308 50
Telephone and other expense	28 69
Outside assistance	20 00

 759 69

Appropriation \$1000. Bal. 240.31

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages.

Engineers and Firemen	125 00
Firemen, house fires	216 00
Other labor	226 20
Supplies	42 50
Equipment	160 15
Hose	240 00
Gas and oil	15 54
Fire alarm and repairs on same	14 79

Building and Grounds.

Fuel	93 00
Repairs	163 79

Telephone	\$36 20
All other expense	41 81

Forestry :

Salary, Forest Warden	25 00
Firemen, (brush fires)	48 75

 \$1,448 73

(Appropriation \$1,500. Bal. \$51.27)

Moth Department :

Wages	227 10
Teams or trucks	88 18
Insecticides	64 08
Gas, supplies, etc.	28 62

 402 98

(Appropriation \$685.99. Bal. \$283.01)

Sealer of Weights and Measures :

Salary	50 00
Team	1 00
Equipment	19 28
Express	2 85

 73 13

(Appropriation \$75. Bal. \$1.87)

Tree Warden :

Wages	83 00
Trucks or teams	15 75
All other	1 10

 99 85

(Appropriation \$100. Bal. .15.)

Board of Health :**General Administration.**

Labor at public dump	55 45
Tuberculosis treatment at sanitariums	1,060 00

Returns of Births, Deaths and Marriages	\$50 50
Inspection of School Children	75 00
Inspection of barns and animals	127 77
Inspection of meats and provisions	102 40

\$1,471 12

(Appropriation \$1,700. Balance \$228.88.)

Dental Clinic:

Doctor's fees	170 00
Assistants	37 50
Equipment and supplies	31 13

238 63

(Appropriation \$250. Bal. \$11.37)

Highways—Chap. 81:

General Administration.

Labor	5,891 21
Trucks or teams	2,559 68
Stone, gravel, etc.	227 38
Sign posts	30 00
Equipment and repairs	318 23
Fuel	59 36
Gas, oil, etc	115 83
Surface oil	1,628 57
Tarmac	409 92
Steam roller	100 00
Culverts	209 80

11,549 98

Appropriation	3,850.
Received from State	\$7,700.

11,550. Bal. .02

Back Roads:

Labor	\$364 00
Trucks	136 00

 \$500 00

(Appropriation \$500)

Street Lighting Contract, Appro. \$1,640.04

1,640 04

Guide Boards and Watering Tubs

53 50

(Appropriation \$75. Bal. \$21.50.)

Bridges:

Labor	50 20
Lumber	46 70
All other expense	14 77

 111 67

(Appropriation \$500. Bal. 388.33)

Gate House Road, 1930 Contract:

Labor	141 30
Trucks	62 90
Gravel	7 40
Fuel	2 00
Tarmac	590 04

 803 64

Bal. Jan. 1, 1931—\$884.76. Bal. Dec. 31, 1931—\$81.12.

Gate House Road, 1931 Contract:

Labor	2,750 20
Trucks	813 45
Fuel	71 84
Equipment and repairs	54 86
Gas, oil, etc.	2 00

Lumber	\$30 40
Culverts	358 01
Gravel, stone and sand	182 40
Tarmac	325 00
Steam roller	411 84

\$5,000 00

Appropriation \$1000.

State 2000.

County 2000.

Ashburnham Road:

Labor	2,711 10
Trucks	880 40
Culverts	702 66
Cement	9 81
Equipment and repairs	21 95
Fuel	30 74
Gas and oil	1 75
Gravel	159 60
Tarmac	224 04
Concrete posts	37 95
Steam roller	220 00

5,000 00

Appropriation \$1000.

State 2000.

County 2000.

Worcester Road:

Labor	1,423 63
Trucks	626 48
Gravel, sand, etc.	47 70
Gas, oil, etc.	8 31
Fuel	19 96
Repairs and equipment	6 99

Tarmac	\$1,603 28
Painting traffic lines	248 65
Steam roller	15 00

\$4,000 00

Appropriation	\$800.
State	1600.
County	1600.

Snow and Ice Removal:

Labor	2,768 69
Teams or trucks	726 55
Repairs and all other expense	1,262 36

4,757 60

(Appropriation \$5,000. Bal. \$242.40.)

Sidewalk Maintenance:**Snow and Ice.**

Labor	55 76
Teams	18 01
All other expense	24 00

97 77

(Appropriation \$100. Bal. \$2.23)

Sidewalk Repairs:

(Appropriation \$100. Bal. \$100.)

CHARITIES.**Board of Public Welfare.****General Administration.**

Salaries	70 00
Printing and postage	4 53
Other expenses	13 00
Groceries and provisions	1,480 23

Fuel	\$113 65
Charlton Home Farm	944 82
Medical attendance	23 85
Hospital expense	323 00
Rent	74 00
Allowance by Town	156 57
Allowance (reimbursed by other towns and cities)	239 13
Allowance (reimbursed by State)	1,262 69
Allowance Mother's Aid, (reimbursed by cities and towns)	691 63
(reimbursed by State)	344 24

\$5,741 84

Interest trans. from Smith fund	2,444.92
Appropriation	3,300.
Refund	6.86. Bal. \$10.44.

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS.

Allowance	144 00
(Appropriation \$200. Balance \$56.)	
State Aid:	
Allowance	220 00
(Appropriation \$240. Bal. \$20.)	
(Received from State \$190.)	
Old Age Assistance:	
Allowance	614 50
Expense	18 02

632 52

(Appropriation \$1000. Bal. \$367.48)

SCHOOLS.

School Committee:

Printing and postage	6 18
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School census	25 00
Expenses	126 88
Telephone	64 95

 \$222 96

Supt. of Schools.

Salary	1,327 00
Traveling expenses	276 77

 1,603 77

Supervisors:

Salaries.

Music Teacher	574 00
Drawing Teacher	581 00
Traveling expenses	232 90

 1,387 90

Nurse

Salary	615 00
Traveling expenses	95 45

 710 45

Teachers.

Salaries.

Junior High	4,132 00
Elementary	7,802 93
Evening school	206 75

 12,141 68

Bonuses, (for Teachers in District schools—Hager Fund) 650 00

Mass. Teachers' Retirement Fund 583 50

Text Books and Supplies.

Jr. High, books	114 12
supplies	294 45
Elementary, books	339 67
supplies	328 51

Evening school, books	\$19 19	
		\$1,090 94
Tuition.		
High	5,442 18	
Elementary	370 00	
		5,812 18
Transportation.		
High	3,057 40	
Jr. High	2,801 30	
Elementary	4,478 20	
		10,336 90
Janitors' Services.		
Jr. High	520 00	
Elementary	860 00	
Janitor's supplies	84 09	
		1,464 09
Fuel.		
Jr. High	256 46	
Elementary	544 44	
		800 90
Lights		165 18
Water		46 88
Insurance		283 80
Maintenance of Building and Grounds.		
Jr. High.		
Repairs	706 91	
All other	154 63	
Elementary.		
Repairs	281 37	
All other	164 75	
		1,807 66

Furniture and Fixtures.

Jr. High	\$41 05
Elementary	210 86

 \$251 41

Graduating exercises and Prize Speaking expenses

61 44

 \$38,871 64

Appropriation \$37,800.00.

Refunds 9.

Int. Upton School Fund 913.59.

Int. Hager School Fund 650.

 38,872.59. Bal. .95

Tuition at Vocational School:

Tuition 220 96

Transportation 872 00

 592 96

(Appropriation \$900. Bal. \$307.04)

LIBRARY.

Salaries and wages.

Librarian	450 00
Assistants	280 00
Janitor	180 00

 860 00

Books and Periodicals.

Books	441 64
Periodicals	53 79
Book binding	17 75
Supplies, printing and postage	46 25

 559 43

Building.

Repairs	\$70 40
Care and labor on grounds	49 71
Fuel	30 50
Lights	136 40
Janitor's supplies	2 65
Furniture	50 00

 \$389 66

 1,759 09

Bal. Jan. 1, 1931	.17	
Appropriation	1,100.00	
Income from Trust Funds	300.42	
Dog Tax	358.56	
	1,759.15	Balance .06

UNCLASSIFIED.

Liability Insurance (Appropriation \$750.66)	750 66
Care of Town Clock (Appropriation \$20.)	20 00
Memorial Day (Appropriation \$125.)	125 00
Printing Town Reports (Appropriation \$298.85)	298 85
Assessment Hospital appor't (Appropriation \$225.64)	225 64
Survey Ashburnham road, (Appropriation \$43.55)	43 55
County aid to Agriculture (Appropriation \$100)	100 00
For By-laws, (Appropriation \$200)	200 00
For school bill, (Appropriation \$7.28)	7 28

World War Memorial.

Labor	46 30
Sharpening lawn mower	1 50
Painting flag pole	4 00
Trimming hedge	1 75
Two bags of Fertilizer	10 00

 68 55

(Appropriation \$75. Bal. \$11.45.)

Miscellaneous.

Town Seal	\$3 50
Plate Glass	75 00
Advertising Public Hearings	9 85
Repairs on fountain	10 49
Wiring highway garage	24 84
Wild cat bounty	10 00
All other	38 60

 \$172 28

(Appropriation \$400. Balance \$227.72)

CEMETERIES.

Labor, care of lots	1,198 20
Burials	285 00
Other expense	11 45

 1,494 65

(Appropriation \$1500. Bal. \$7.35.)

Refund 2.

M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Work, (Interest trans.)	51 00
Perpetual Care of lots, (Interest trans.)	552 50

HAGER PARK TRUSTEES.

Cutting and yarding wood	157 18
Labor on lot	38 40
Delivering wood	108 50
Expense of administration	25 00

 329 08

(Appropriation \$400. Bal. 70.92)

INTEREST.

Temporary Loans.

Interest on fire engine loan	216 55
Rev. loan No. 41	191 25

Rev. loan No. 42	\$121 90
Rev. loan No. 52	723 09
Rev. loan No. 53	180 63

\$1,433 42

(Appropriation \$1,450. Bal. \$16.58)

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Loans in anticipation of revenue	55,600 00
Payment on principal, fire engine loan	1,000 00

56,600 00

AGENCY AND TRUST.

Agency.

County tax	2,640 00
State tax	1,650 00
Auditing Municipal Accounts tax	13 86
State Parks and Reservation tax	31 93
Old Age Assistance tax	478 00

4,813 79

Trust.

Investment of Perpetual Care Funds	375 00
Investment of Library Trust Funds	200 00

575 00

REFUNDS.

Motor Vehicle Tax Refunds	84 52
Tax Collector's Cash Refunds	36 35

120 87

Total Payments, \$156,834 71

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1931, 406 38

\$157,241 09

FLORENCE B. RICE,

Town Accountant.

Trust Fund Cash and Securities.	Amount		Income 1931	Income spent	New Trust Funds		Amount Jan. 1, 1932
	Jan. 1, 1931	Jan. 1, 1932					
F. W. Smith Poor Fund	\$35,618 67	\$1,227 70	\$2,444 92				\$34,401 45
J. W. Forbush Poor Fund	1,914 60	45 73					1,960 38
Upton School Fund	11,373 81	625 25	913 59				11,085 47
Joseph Hager School Fund	14,159 86	488 73	650 00				13,948 59
Preston P. Ellis School Fund	579 07	14 74					593 81
Town Library Fund	1,800 00	60 75	60 75				1,800 00
M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund	525 00	11 81	11 81				525 00
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	500 00	11 25	11 25				500 00
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	1,000 00	45 00	45 00				1,000 00
A. R. Hager Library Fund	600 00	15 00	15 00				600 00
M. D. Haws Library Fund	1,000 00	55 00	55 00				1,000 00
Lucy J. Childs Library Fund	150 00	5 07	5 07				150 00
Preston P. Ellis Library Fund	1,000 00	22 50	22 50				1,000 00
Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	300 00	7 50	7 50				300 00
George A. Miller Library Fund	1,901 16	66 54	66 54				1,901 16
Sarah M. Barnes Library Fund					200 00		200 00
M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund	1,021 89	43 59	51 00				1,014 48
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	16,765 76	785 41	552 50		375 00		17,373 67
Water Investment	15,000 00	484 36	484 36				15,000 00
	\$105,209 82	\$3,965 93	\$5,396 79		\$575 00		\$104,853 96

General Amounts.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash on hand:		Celebration Committee	
General	\$406 38	Balances brought forward	\$8 44
Celebration Committee	8 44	Moth Assessment Revenue	75 04
Library Cash	10 00	Motor Vehicle Tax Revenue	287 12
Amounts Receivable:		Departmental Revenue	1,562 28
Taxes:		Old Age Assistance	69
Levy of 1930(now closed out)	94 27	Tax Title Revenue	929 41
1931	18,973 12	Overlay 1930	690 85
	929 41	Overlay 1931	332 86
Tax Titles		Overlay Reserve	1,765 77
Special Assessments:		Library	06
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1930	4 00	Excess and Deficiency :	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1931	283 12	Surplus	17,261 46
Old Age Assistance Tax	171 00		
Moth 1930	52		
Moth 1931	74 52		
Accounts Receivable:			
Worcester Road, (State Aid)	13		
Worcester Road, (County Aid)	206 91		
Ashburnham Road, (County Aid)	189 25		
Board of Public Welfare	1,562 97		
Net Funded Debt.	\$22,913 98		\$22,913 98
	\$8,200 00	Fire Engine Loan	\$8,200 00

TOWN TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1930	\$14,073 16
Less due Treasurer, (State audit)	2 00
True balance	14,071 16
Borrowed from bank	35,000 00
Taxes and all other receipts in detail to Town Accountant	108,171 93
	157,243 09
Paid on Town Accountant's warrants approved by Selectmen	156,836 71
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1931	406 38
Total,	\$157,243 09

TRUST FUNDS.

Frederick W. Smith Poor Fund.

Gardner Savings Bank	\$5,821 60
Gardner Trust Co., savings dept.	3,728 85
Fitchburg Savings Bank	3,000 00
Athol Savings Bank	3,000 00
Leominster Savings Bank	3,000 00
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	3,000 00
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank	3,000 00
Worcester County Inst. for Savings	3,000 00
Worcester North Savings Institution	6,851 00
Total fund	\$34,401 45

Principal \$34,175.47

Joseph W. Forbush Worthy Poor Fund.

Worcester North Savings Institution, Fitchburg	1,960 33
Principal, \$1,000.	

Forbush Memorial Library Funds.

Town Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	1,800 00
Preston Ellis Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	500 00

Lucy J. Childs Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	\$150 00	
C. A. Forbush Fund, Leominster Savings Bank	500 00	
M. A. Farnsworth Fund, Leominster Savings Bank	525 00	
J. W. Forbush Fund, Athol Savings Bank	1,000 00	
Frederick S. Whitman Fund	300 00	
Gardner Savings Bank		
A. R. Hager Fund, Gardner Savings Bank	600 00	
Sarah M. Barnes Fund, Gardner Savings Bank,		
(new)	200 00	
M. D. Haws Fund, Winchendon Savings Bank	1,000 00	
George A. Miller Fund,		
Worcester North Savings Instn.,	1,901 16	
Total Principal, Library Trust Funds		\$8,476 16
Income used annually for library purposes.		

Preston P. Ellis School Fund.

Fitchburg Savings Bank	500 00	
Gardner Trust Company	93 81	
Total		593 81
Principal \$500.		

Upton School Fund.

Orange Savings Bank	541 20	
Templeton Savings Bank	612 63	
Fitchburg Savings Bank	694 83	
Worcester Mechanics' Savings Bank	1,000 00	
Peoples' Savings Bank, Worcester	1,000 00	
Worcester County Ins. for Savings	1,100 00	
Central Trust Co., Cambridge	1,125 83	
Gardner Trust Co., savings dept.	810 98	
25 shares Pullman Inc.,	1,400 00	
28 shares Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. (par value)	2,800 00	
Total Upton fund		\$11,085 47
Principal, \$11,116.50		

Joseph Hager School Fund.

Liberty Bonds 4½%	\$2,500 00	
Telephone Bonds 5%	1,000 00	
Gardner Savings Bank	4,000 00	
Leominster Savings Bank	2,000 00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	2,500 00	
Gardner Trust Co., Sav. dept.	1,948 59	
Total, Hager School Fund		\$13,948 59
Principal, \$12,000.		

City of Fitchburg Water Fund.

Gardner Savings Bank	3,500 00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	7,000 00	
Gardner Trust Company Savings Dept.	4,500 00	
Total		15,000 00
Income used annually for general purposes.		

Milton A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund.

Liberty bonds	1,000 00	
Gardner Trust Company	14 48	
Total		1,014 48
Principal \$1,000.		
Anniversary of 1909 account, bal. in bank		8 61

The town borrowed this year in anticipation of taxes \$35,000. This has been paid, also \$1,000 on Fire Engine, leaving notes outstanding for this loan for \$3,200.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

	Jan. 1, 1931.	Income.	Withdrawn	
			& Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1932
Allen, Lyman	\$142 14	\$6 81	\$3 25	\$145 70
Allen, Frederick	131 62	6 30	1 75	137 92
Bacon, Edward	114 95	5 07	6 50	116 52
Baker, Ellen L.	106 28	5 08	2 50	108 86
Baker, Eliza	97 90	4 46		102 36
Baker, Calvin	50 42	2 36		52 78
Baker, Charles F.	51 69	2 42		54 11
Barnes, Sarah M.	113 72	5 02	18 00	100 74
Barrows—Griffin	100 83	4 73		105 56
Bartow, Hattie Wheeler	51 24	2 24	2 00	51 48
Battles, Alfred	100 50	4 42	2 50	102 42
Battles, Benj. F.	100 71	4 72	2 00	103 43
Beaman, Ruth P.	51 57	2 35	1 25	52 67
Bean, John M.	51 26	3 76	2 00	51 66
Bean, Laura J.	105 51	4 95	2 00	108 46
Benjamin, Wm. H.	120 93	5 35	5 00	121 28
Bolton, Alonzo D.	119 11	5 73	20 00	104 84
Bolton, Franklin E.	105 91	4 68	2 50	108 09
Bolton, Simeon and Elizabeth Whitney	105 32	4 93	2 00	108 25
Brown, John	133 42	6 39	3 00	136 81
Brown, Timothy	119 43	5 28	2 25	122 46
Brooks, S. E. and A.	221 57	9 83	7 00	224 40
Borey, M. J.	61 53	2 69	4 00	60 22
Bruce, James R. & George W.	104 82	4 91	2 00	109 73
Burpee, Viola N.	53 62	2 55		56 17
Carter, Merriam and Hannaford	168 43	7 91		176 34
Childs, Lucy J.	202 15	9 24	3 00	208 39
Cutler, Jonas	115 52	4 54	2 50	118 56
Cowee, Sarah M.	130 71	5 24	7 05	129 90
Coleman and Derby	163 56	7 84	4 00	167 40
Daisy, Henry H.	117 41	5 63	20 00	103 04
Davis, Geo. M. and Elizabeth	106 08	4 98	2 00	109 06

	Jan. 1, 1931.	Withdrawn		Jan. 1, 1932
		Income.	& Expen'd.	
Davis, Horace E.	\$108 13	\$5 07	\$2 00	\$111 20
Derby, Walter	106 42	4 70	2 00	109 12
Drury, Sarah E.	51 87	2 47	3 00	51 34
Durling, A. R.	107 71	4 75	2 00	110 46
Dupree, Charles H. & Mary A.	215 74	10 35	6 50	219 59
Eaton, Lura B.	105 76	4 96	3 20	107 52
Eaton, Mary W.	54 64	2 38	1 50	55 52
Elliott, Flora E.	58 35	2 57	10 00	50 92
Estey, Oliver	125 29	5 54	5 75	125 08
Ellis, Preston P.	158 76	7 25	2 75	163 26
Eaton, William	143 46	6 89	3 50	146 85
Eaton, Marshall	127 99	6 13	3 00	131 12
Eaton, Stillman	44 81	2 11	3 00	43 92
Estabrook, J. W.	51 89	2 47	3 00	51 36
Foskett, Sarah A.	54 74	3 03	2 00	55 77
Forbush, Charles A.	148 44	7 12	6 00	149 56
Forbush, Joseph W.	214 73	10 30	3 00	222 03
Farnsworth, Mary A.	61 86	2 95	2 00	62 81
Goodridge, John C.	149 92	6 63	3 00	153 55
Healy and Dalrymple	56 57	2 49	2 00	57 06
Hager, Joseph	421 78	18 72	7 00	433 50
Hager, George W.	81 42	3 90	2 00	83 32
Hager, Elijah	86 50	4 13	2 00	88 63
Harris and Barnes	112 46	4 97	2 00	115 43
Hadley, Laura E.	102 26	4 79	2 50	104 55
Hay, Arthur	213 67	10 03	23 00	200 70
Howe, Daniel & Daniel M.	203 43	9 55	4 00	208 98
Holden and Eames	144 51	6 93	2 75	148 69
Harrington and Wheeler	52 53	2 49	2 00	53 02
Hood, M. E.	136 65	6 55	2 50	140 70
Hartwell, Leander	61 66	2 95	2 00	62 61
Haynes, George N.	125 26	5 54	2 75	128 05
*Ham, George S. & Andrew C.	175 00	3 29		178 29
Hill, David W.	232 22	10 60	3 00	239 52
Jackson, Levi and Jane	117 45	5 19	2 00	120 64

	Jan. 1, 1931.	Income.	Withdrawn & Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1932
Johnson, John	\$102 08	\$4 79	\$3 00	\$103 87
Kendall, Edward S. & Mary E.	102 68	4 52	2 00	105 20
Kendall, Edward F. & Ezekiel	441 85	19 60	7 00	454 45
Kendall, George S.	102 21	4 79	2 00	105 00
Leland, H. J.	52 20	2 28	2 00	52 48
Lewis, Nelson	123 23	5 45	20 00	108 68
Lamb, Stephen F.	117 27	5 17	3 20	119 24
Lantz, Mary E. Taylor lot	107 63	5 05	2 00	110 68
Learned and Goodnow	115 88	5 11	21 00	99 99
Lynde, John & Lucy K.	163 22	7 68		170 90
Merriam, Read	113 61	5 02	2 00	116 63
Merriam, Thos.	108 09	4 57	2 00	110 86
Miller, James W.	128 06	5 67	3 00	130 73
Miller, John C.	110 28	4 87	2 50	112 65
Miller, Joseph and Emily	52 31	2 29	1 50	53 16
Miller, Sylvester	192 09	9 02	3 00	198 11
Miles and Puffer	58 25	3 23	4 00	57 48
Morse, Farwell	108 54	5 20	2 00	111 74
Marshall, Julia L.	114 73	5 07	2 00	117 80
Merriam, Francis	115 72	5 11	3 25	117 58
Mayo, William	233 58	16 60	13 25	230 93
Minott, Fanny	109 07	5 11	5 00	109 18
Minott, Joseph	121 66	5 82	2 00	125 48
Merriam, Artemas	193 03	9 26	18 00	184 29
Merriam, Oliver M.	124 86	5 96	4 00	128 82
McAllister, Rev. Wm. C.	109 55	5 13	3 00	111 68
Nichols, Charles	203 47	9 02	7 25	205 24
Nichols, Frederick	110 70	4 88	2 50	113 08
Partridge, Seaver & Hartwell	157 87	7 55	3 75	161 67
Perkins, Harrison	52 41	2 46	1 00	53 87
Pierce, Elisha	267 68	12 85	3 00	277 53
Page, Porter F.	253 04	12 16	3 00	262 20
Puffer, Rev. Stephen	59 36	2 83	4 00	58 19
Peckham, Horatio	53 63	2 34	1 50	54 47
Raymond, Abijah H.	105 87	4 68	3 00	107 55

	Jan. 1, 1931.	Income.	Withdrawn & Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1932
Ray, Ivers	\$134 26	\$6 43	\$3 00	\$137 69
Ray, Hiram	115 37	5 54	2 00	118 91
Rice, Wm. S.	111 76	4 94	11 00	105 70
Rider, Wm. D.	104 32	4 61	2 00	106 93
Saunders, Amos	104 32	4 61	2 00	106 93
Sawin, Otis W. & L. Ashton	221 62	10 13	20 00	211 75
Seaver, Silas W. & Geo. C. Baker	80 11	3 75	2 00	81 86
Smith, Sarah B.	62 91	2 99	2 00	63 90
Simonds, Charles A.	102 51	4 80	2 00	105 31
Stearns, Sarah H.	115 91	5 54	2 00	119 45
Spaulding and Rugg	233 06	11 19	4 00	240 25
Sprague, Samuel H.	104 26	4 87	3 00	106 13
Upton, George C.	969 58	45 59	30 00	985 17
Walton, Joseph L.	53 15	2 32	1 00	54 47
Wetherbee, Lina W.	113 85	5 03	2 50	116 38
Wood, Charles P.	34 21	1 49		35 70
Woodbury, Joseph	101 78	4 49	3 00	103 27
Whitney, Stillman	100 83	4 73	2 00	103 56
Whitney, John	142 54	6 50	4 00	145 04
Ware, Abigail E.	232 44	10 91	3 00	240 35
Whipple and Hackett	111 36	5 35	4 00	112 71
Wyman, Sophia L.	140 36	6 72	6 00	141 08
*Wyman, Benjamin	200 00	4 52		204 52
Wheeler, Delia A.	56 39	2 49	1 30	57 58
Whitney, Malcom R.	111 52	4 93	2 00	114 45
Whitman, Fred S.	517 95	24 86	22 00	520 81
Whitney, Warren A.	104 30	4 87	2 00	107 17
Young, Fidelia Sawin	60 35	2 87	1 00	62 22

Total

\$17,878 67

*New funds.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO,

Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Quarterly meetings have been held, and the needs of the Library have been considered.

In order that the draft from the stack room might not endanger those working at the desk, portieres have been hung at the entrance to the stack room. For privacy and quiet, curtains have also been hung at the office door. That the fire-place might fulfill its office of cheer, an electric log was installed.

All of these additions have been appreciatively spoken of by the public.

To care for the bound magazines, temporary shelves have been erected on top of the stacks in the stack room.

A late addition is the oil painting "Monadnock from Wachusett," by Mr. G. W. Beaman, a gift from the artist, for which thanks are tendered. Trees have been cut which prevented light from the building or hindered the growth of other trees, and kept the sun from the grass.

The tree at the South East corner of the grounds was illuminated for a community Christmas tree during the holiday season.

The Trustees are happy to report that Miss Lizzie Baker has again taken up the work of the Narrows Branch. The Trustees are also grateful for Mrs. Sarah Barnes' legacy of \$200.

A goodly number of worthwhile books have been added to meet the need of schools, the mission circle, and of serious readers in general, and especial attention is called to Dr. E. Stanley Jones' latest book. The Christ of the Mount.

Patrons of the Library and others are asked to refrain from loitering at the entrance or on the grounds. We should all be interested in the good appearance and upkeep of our Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO, CYRUS T. MILLER,
LUCY MILTON GILES, IDA E. MERRIAM,
SARAH J. WYMAN, MAURICE P. BILLINGS,

Trustees.

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1931. This has been a happy year at the library. There has been a gain of 21% in the circulation of the main library over that of last year, and of 11% more than at both the main and Narrows branch last year, or nearly eight volumes per capita, while the goal set by the State is five volumes.

The books in the stack room have been moved in order to give more space and many worn out volumes have been discarded. Funds will be needed for replacements and for many new books.

Among the books of the Junior Literary Guild, which has been placed in the library, is a volume, "Pigeon City" by Leon F. Whitney, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Whitney of Westminster and Brooklyn.

Many people have visited the reading rooms and museum, including pupils from schools out of town, and the library has been opened on many occasions for visitors from various conventions.

Through the kindness of the Board of Library Commissioners of Boston, a story hour was conducted by Miss Talmage at the library for grades from the center schools, on the ninth of December.

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

Days open	100
Smallest daily circulation, Dec. 23	84
Largest daily circulation, Feb. 5	210
Average daily circulation	150
Circulation for year	14,979
Gain over last year	3,183
Number of volumes added by gift	13

A king's
Bible, E
Baptist
Court--
Miss Ka
Babson
Mrs. W
of Rhode
lost Clu
Americ
T. Wyne
Christi
Society
Mission
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GIFTS.

A king's penknife, The signs of the times, Christ, Christianity and the Bible, How to study the Bible—From The Young People's Union, First Baptist Church, New York City. Addresses and messages to the General Court—Alvin T. Fuller, Governor of Massachusetts. Made in India—Miss Kate M. French The black camel, The Bishop murder case, The Babson murder case, The Greene murder case—The Misses Whittett and Mrs. Weeks. Scarlet runner, Elizabeth Shaw Montgomery. The book of Rhode Island—E. L. Sprague, Secretary of State, Rhode Island. The lost Utopias—Mr. Frank H. Page.

PERIODICALS.

American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary. The Baptist, Rev. Drew T. Wyman. Christian Leader, Universalist Ladies' Social Circle. Christian Science Journal, Monitor and Sentinel, From the Fitchburg Society. Congregationalist, Congregational Church. Missions, Baptist Mission Circle. Missionary Review of the world, The Council of Church Women. Watchman and Farm Journal, Mrs. F. A. Merriam. Elk's Magazine and Reader's Digest, Mr. C. B. Dawley. Signs of the Times, Southern N. E. Book and Bible House. Trailmaker, Clover Leaf Troop One, Girl Scouts. The American Child, Christian Century, Child Labor Bulletin. Wellspring, Spellman Messenger, Successful Farming, Tufts College Graduate, Industrial Student, M. A. C. Alumni Bulletins, Worcester County Farmer, National Grange Monthly, Rev. Lucy Milton Giles. Bell Telephone Quarterly, Tycos, Rochester, Alpha Aids, American Issue. Industrial Student, Humane Education, Living Tissue, Mazdaznan, National Republic, Mental Hygiene, Our Dumb Animals, Understanding the Child, New England Poultryman, —Credited to the Publishers.

For the many kindnesses shown by the Trustees and those connected with the library, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH F. GREENE,

Librarian.

COST OF SCHOOL SYSTEM OF WESTMINSTER FOR PAST FIVE YEARS AS COMPILED FROM
ANNUAL REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION—PART II.

	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
No. of pupils in average membership	305	286	298	299	313
Transportation of pupils in town	\$6084.00	\$4276.40	\$5047.24	\$4658.50	\$5701.00
Transportation of pupils to other towns	324.00	317.69	2639.30	4231.00	4381.40
Tuition to other towns	708.28	794.88	5276.25	5257.88	5351.04
Total support of schools	28905.12	31384.06	31452.05	33326.15	35870.88
Expenditure for school support from local taxation per \$1,000 valuation. (Year ending Dec. 31, 1930, In 1931 column)	9.90	13.27	13.78	15.80	15.97
Expenditure from local taxation	13275.09	18717.72	20200.72	21487.92	21622.18
Expenditure from local taxation per pupil	43.52	65.45	67.78	71.87	69.08
Reimbursement from State	10532.64	11934.66	11462.19	13513.19	13813.78
Reimbursement from State per pupil	34.53	41.73	38.46	45.19	44.13
Expenditure from all sources	30603.58	32694.23	32526.02	35754.26	36739.27
Expenditure from all sources per pupil	81.96	114.32	109.14	119.57	117.88
Amount paid Town—School Fund, Part I	3970.00	4610.00	3970.00	3295.00	3435.00
Amount paid Town—School Fund, Part II	4939.31	5529.66	5693.86	4496.08	4396.05

COST OF HIGH SCHOOL FOR PAST FIVE YEARS.

	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
Total cost of High School	\$7977.77	\$11191.20	\$7256.05	\$7588.38	\$7528.83
No. of pupils in average attendance	52	39	36	34	34
Expenditure for teachers					
Tuition to other towns	5860.00	7134.00			
Transportation to other towns			4771.25	4722.88	4560.43
Total expense to send pupils out of town			2484.80	2865.50	2968.40
Cost per pupil in average attendance	153.42	302.46	201.56	223.19	221.44
Reimbursement to Town	*34.52	*41.73	4948.78	5434.44	4935.55
Net cost to Town			2307.27	2153.94	2593.28
Net cost to Town per pupil	118.89	260.73	64.09	66.29	76.27
*per pupil					

EXPENDITURES PER PUPIL FROM LOCAL TAXATION FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1931.

Dana 84.38	Littleton 84.86	Sterling 79.25	Shirley 65.11	Bolton 85.31	Phillipston 45.61
West Boylston 61.68	Westminster 69.08	Colrain 70.90	Harvard 139.00	Royalston 73.68	
Ashby 68.11	Townsend 81.67	Enfield 61.72	Petersham 128.95	Erving 81.01	
Wilbraham 81.41	Boylston 60.18	Berlin 65.29	Paxton 76.84	Boxford 95.77	
	Princeton 119.24	Lunenburg 76.48			

Finance Board Recommendations, 1932

General Government.

Salaries of Town Officers and expenses	\$1,800 00 ✓
Town Hall maintenance	600 00 ✓

Protection of Persons and Property.

Transportation	100 00
Police Protection	400 00
Fire Department	1,200 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	75 00
Tree Warden	25 00 ✓
Liability Insurance	500 00 ✓
Gypsy Moth	635 99 ✓

Health and Sanitation.

Board of Health	1,500 00 ✓
Tuberculosis Assessment	225 64 ✓
Dental Clinic	100 00 ✓

Highways.

General Repairs, under Chapter 81	3,850 00 ✓
Snow and Ice, (highways)	3,000 00
Snow and Ice, (sidewalks)	100 00
Sidewalks, (repairs)	100 00 ✓
Bridges	400 00 ✓
Ashburnham Road (rebuilding)	750 00
Gate House or Leino Park Road (rebuilding)	1,250 00 ✓
Maintenance of C-90	1,250 00 ✓
Watering tubs and guide boards	50 00 ✓
Street lighting	1,640 04 ✓

Charities.

State Aid	120 00 ✓
Soldiers' Relief	150 00 ✓
Board of Public Welfare (not to include Smith Fund)	3,600 00 ✓

Schools.

(Including amount from State)	\$33,898 01	✓
Trade or Vocational School	300 00	600 00

Forbush Library.

Dog fund and	1,000 00	✓
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Cemeteries.

	1,400 00	✓
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Interest Payments.

	1,400 00	✓
Fire engine note (Excess and Deficiency)	1,000 00	✓

Unclassified.

Care of Town Clock	20 00	✓
Memorial Day and care of Monument	125 00	✓
World War Memorial	75 00	✓
Printing Town Reports (~~not recommended by Finance Board~~)	278.95	✓
Miscellaneous	300 00	✓
Hager Park	400 00	✓
Reserve Fund	300 00	✓

LIST OF JURORS.

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Aaron M. Terrill, Merchant	S. Edwin Story, Jeweler

Accepted

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westminster, in the County aforesaid: *GREETING:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Westminster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Westminster, on Monday the seventh day of March, 1932, at six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year or terms of three years, all to be voted for on one ballot in accordance with the requirements of law relating to official ballots in Towns, the polls to be opened at six o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at three o'clock in the afternoon. The business session will be adjourned to Saturday, March 12, at one o'clock, P. M.

Art. 2. To see what compensation the Town will allow the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, and determine the terms upon which they shall be collected, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting Taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1932, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To choose all necessary committees for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To hear the reports of any Committee appointed by the Town and act thereon.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to choose a director of boys' and girls' club work in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 128, Gen. Laws, or act in relation thereto. (Not approved by Finance Board)

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light on Bacon Street, near the house of Alex Waronen, or act in relation thereto. *yes.*

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to print the valuation and taxes for the year 1932, and raise and appropriate any sum of money for such purpose or act relative thereto. *yes*

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100. for a dental clinic. *yes.*

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100. for playground equipment. (Finance Board recommends \$50) *100.00*

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175. to purchase the snow plow rented by the Selectmen this winter. *175.00*

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to pay bills of 1931 received after the books were closed. (Not acted on by Finance Board) *374.12*

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$138. to pay assessment for men's dormitory at Charlton Home Farm. (If other towns are willing to pay assessment, recommended by Finance Board of Westminster) *yes*

Art. 16 To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the following departments: General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Highways, Charities, Schools, Library, Cemeteries, Interest Payments, Payment of Debt, and Unclassified. *7*

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the work of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance or act in relation thereto. (\$2,000 recommended by Finance Board) *✓*

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100. or any part thereof for the purchase of Forest Fire Equipment, one-half of which will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth. *50.00*

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office and Town Hall in said Town, seven days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

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Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

LUCIUS W. FRENCH,
HAROLD D. MERRIAM,
PHILIP H. LOUGHLIN,
Selectmen of Westminster.

A true copy, attest:

HAROLD A. TOWLE,
Constable of Westminster.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1932.

There were four Town Meetings held during the year 1932.
(In the following reports of Town Meetings it is a synopsis from records of each meeting).

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 7, 1932.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the voters of Westminster met at the Town Hall for the Annual Meeting which was opened at 6 o'clock A. M. Article 1 of the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk Esther H. Hicks. Motion made by Lucius W. French and seconded, that action on all the articles of the Warrant, except article one be adjourned to Saturday, March 12th, at one o'clock P. M.

The Tellers appointed by the Selectmen and sworn by the Town Clerk were Frank W. Derby, A. Charles Hicks, Edward R. Miller and Harold D. Merriam who had charge of the check lists and ballot box. At the close of the polls Selectman Philip H. Loughlin and Town Clerk Esther H. Hicks helped to canvas the votes.

At 3 o'clock P. M. the time for closing the polls a motion was made by Frank W. Derby and seconded by Edward R. Miller that the polls be kept open until 4 o'clock P. M. and that two of the Tellers be allowed to start counting the votes. At 4 o'clock P. M. the polls were closed with a total of 410 ballots cast.

The result of balloting for Town Officers was as follows:—

Moderator.

Philip H. Loughlin	325
Lewis Hartwell	1
S. Edwin Story	1
Blanks	83

Town Clerk.

Esther H. Hicks	371
Edward R. Miller	1
Blanks	38

Treasurer.

Frank W. Fenno	336
F. W. Derby	3
Marcus Waterhouse	1
Blanks	70

Selectman (for Three Years).

Richard W. Ahlin	154
Otto A Leino	109
George E. Nitsche	81
Emory J. Raymond	64
Blanks	2

Board of Public Welfare (for Three Years).

Cora L. Fairbanks	241
John J. MacConlogue	132
Blanks	37

Assessor (for Three Years).

Adelbert P. Miller	227
Frank S. Smith	149
Blanks	34

School Committee (for Three Years).

Porter W. Dawley	256
Wilho W. Mayranen	67
Arthur L. Stone	77
Blanks	10

Library Trustee (for Three Years).

Frank W. Fenno	281
Ida S. Merriam	317
Blanks	222

Cemetery Commissioner (for Three Years).

Fred I. Newell	341
Blanks	69

Hager Park Commissioner (for Three Years).

Frank W. Fenno	330
Blanks	80

Tax Collector.

Erving L. MacDonald	101
Windsor F. Neal	284
Blanks	25

Constable.

Harold A. Towle	347
Herbert Battles	2
C. L. Smith	1
Blanks	60

Tree Warden.

Howard A. Carpenter	180
Wallace D. Flagg	187
Porter Dawley	1
Otto Conant	1
Blanks	41

Total vote cast 410

Meeting adjourned.

ESTHER H. HICKS,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 12, 1932.

The adjourned meeting of March 7th, was called to order at 1.15 P. M. by the Town Clerk. Commencing with Article 2 the rest of the Warrant was read. Prayer was offered by Rev. Scott C. Siegle, the Congregational Minister. Moderator Philip H. Loughlin presiding. The following action was taken on the articles in the Warrant.

Article 2.

Voted that the Tax Collector be allowed the same compensation as last year with the understanding that he contribute ten per cent (10%) of his salary to the Town.

Article 3.

Voted to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

Article 4.

Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1932 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 5.

Voted to accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

LIST OF JURORS.

Arthur L. Bascomb, retired	William F. Percy, Blacksmith
Edward R. Miller, retired	James P. Dugan, Farmer
George L. Dawley, Manufacturer	Edward J. Rice, Salesman
Charles A. Hicks, Carpenter	Richard W. Ahlin, Accountant
Frank S. Smith, Farmer	Matthew Handlin, Station Agent
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Edward R. Flagg, Farmer	James Adams, Insurance Agent
Royal L. Frye, retired	Edgar E. Fenno, Merchant
Aaron M. Terrill, Merchant	S. Edwin Story, Jeweler

Article 6.

MEASURERS OF WOOD, LUMBER AND BARK

(Elected by nomination and hand vote)

Edward R. Flagg

Frank S. Smith

Judson Foster

Arthur E. Merriam

Henry Waltonen

Edward F. Hetu

Emil Wuth

Nathan D. Howard

FIELD DRIVERS

(Elected by nomination and hand vote)

Paul B. Mansur

Willard A. Gates

Voted that the Selectmen act as Fence Viewers.

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to interview the Gardner Electric Light Co. in regards to getting a reduction of rate on the electricity used for street lighting. By a unanimous vote the following committee was chosen:— Arthur L. Stone, Emanuel Aho, Frank W. Derby.

Article 7.

Voted to pass the article.

Article 8.

Voted that Ernest Vieweg be chosen as a director of boys and girls club work in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 128, G. L. Mr. Vieweg reported it would not be necessary to appropriate any money this year.

Article 9.

Voted that a street light be installed on Bacon Street near the house of Alex Waronen. Voted later that a street light near the Hearse House be removed and placed near the house of Alex Waronen.

Article 10.

Voted not to print the Valuation and Taxes for the year 1932.

Article 11.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for a Dental Clinic.

Article 12.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for playground equipment, 35 positive and 32 in the negative.

Article 13.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175.00 to purchase the snow plow rented by the Selectmen this winter.

Article 14.

Voted that the Town pay the bills of 1931 received after the books were closed and that they be paid from the Excess and Deficiency Fund. The following are the bills:

P. H. Loughlin	\$55.39	
Geo. Mossman, M. D.	10.00	
The Jennison Co.	1.00	
School Supt.	30.40	
School Janitor	16.66	\$113.45 Schools
Board of Health	184.00	
Old Age Assistance	76.67	260.67
		\$374.12

Article 15.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$138.00 as our assessment for the new men's dormitory at the Charlton Home Farm and to pay this providing that the other towns pay their proportion.

Article 16.**TOWN APPROPRIATIONS—1932.****General Government.**

Salaries of Town Officers and expenses	\$1,800
Town Hall Maintenance	600

Protection of Persons and Property.

Transportation	100
Police Protection	400
Fire Department	1,200
Sealer of Weights and Measures	75

Tree Warden	\$25
Liability Insurance	500
Gypsy Moth	635.99

Health and Sanitation.

Board of Health	1,500
Tuberculosis assessment	225.64

Highways.

General repairs of Highways—Chapter 81	3,850
Snow and Ice removal (highways)	1,500
Snow and Ice removal (sidewalks)	50
Sidewalks (repairs)	100
Bridges	400
Ashburnham road, (rebuilding) Chap. 90	1,250
Gate House or Leino Park road, (rebuilding)	1,250
Maintenance Chap. 90	1,250
Repair abutment of Gate House Bridge, Chap. 90	250
Watering Tubs and Guide Boards	50
Street Lighting	1,640.04

Charities.

State Aid	120
Soldiers' Relief	150
Board of Public Welfare (not to include Smith Fund)	3,600

Schools.

Schools (including amount from State)	33,898.01
Trade or Vocational School	600
Forbush Library—dog license fund and	1,000
Cemeteries	1,400
Interest payments	1,400
Fire engine note, Excess and Deficiency	1,000
Care of Town Clock	20
Memorial Day and care of monument	125

Care of World War Memorial	\$75	
Printing Town Reports	278.75	
Miscellaneous	300	
Hager Park	400	
Reserve fund	300	
Art. 11. Dental clinic	100	
Art. 12. Playground Equipment	100	
Art. 13. Snow Plow, (now rented)	175	
Art. 14. Bills of 1931 (to be paid from Excess and Deficiency)	374.12	
Schools	113.45	
Board of Health	184.	
Old Age Assistance	76.67	
	374.12	
Art. 15 Assessment for Men's new Dormitory, Charlton Home Farm 138		
Art. 17. Bureau of Old Age Assist- ance Fund	2,000	
Art. 18. Forest Fire Equipment, (½ to be reimbursed by State)	50	
		\$66,255.55
To be taken from Excess and Deficiency		1,374.12
		\$64,881.48

Article 17.

Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000. for the work of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance.

Article 18.

Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purchase of Forest Fire equipment, one-half of which will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth.

Under State recommendation it was voted to ratify and approve the action of the Town Treasurer in writing off certain securities in the Ellis Funds, the same being of no value.

Voted to dissolve the meeting at 4 P. M.

ESTHER H. HICKS,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING, HELD JUNE 15, 1932.

Article 1. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars, (\$300.) to establish a road machinery fund.

Article 2. Voted that the Town waive its rights in the will of the late Horace E. Davis.

Article 3. Frank W. Derby, one of a committee appointed at the Annual March Meeting, read a letter from the Gardner Electric Light Co. stating no rate of reduction on street lighting could be made at present. Mr. Derby said he would take no further action.

Article 4. By a unanimous vote it was voted that the Town pay the following bills to the Constable for police work done since April 4, 1932.

April 18	\$4.00
May 2	10.40
May 16	35.60
May 31	19.40
June 13	16.00
	\$85.40

Article 5. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.) in addition to what has already been appropriated for police work.

Meeting adjourned at 9.25 P. M.

ESTHER H. HICKS,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING HELD SEPT. 2, 1932.

Article 1. Voted to raise and appropriate the following amounts for the following departments, to be used for the balance of the year.

Board of Public Welfare	\$2,000	
Old Age Assistance	750	
Soldiers' Relief	200	
General Government	300	
Trade School	300	\$3550.

Voted to pass the article of Interest Payments.

Meeting adjourned at 8.15 P. M.

ESTHER H. HICKS,

Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING HELD NOV. 22, 1932.

Article 1. On motion of F. W. Fenno and seconded by L. W. French, it was voted that \$500.00 be appropriated from the excess and deficiency account for use of the Library Department.

On motion of L. W. French and seconded by F. W. Fenno, it was voted that \$1,500.00 be appropriated from the excess and deficiency account to the Board of Public Welfare account.

Porter Dawley moved that the article on Schools be passed as it was found that the School Department did not need any more money.

On motion of Herbert Rowe and seconded by L. W. French, it was voted that \$500.00 be appropriated from the excess and deficiency account to the Fire Department.

On motion of L. W. French and seconded it was voted that the amount for cemeteries being only about \$2.00 or \$3.00, that it be taken from the reserve fund instead of the excess and deficiency account.

Article 2. On motion of L. W. French and seconded by Herbert Rowe, it was voted that the Town appropriate \$252.54 now in the road machinery fund to the road machinery repairs and maintenance account.

Motion to adjourn at 8.15 P. M.

ESTHER H. HICKS,

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

For the year ending December 31, 1932.

Note—If any error in names or dates are noticed, or any omissions, please inform the Town Clerk.

Births recorded	25
Deaths recorded	26
Brought into Town for burial, (non-resident)	15
Marriages recorded	14

BIRTHS 1932

Date	Name of child	Name of parents
Jan. 20	Toivo William Jaaskelainen, Jr.	Toivo and Isabella
Feb. 3	Geraldine Kelleher	James and Evelyn
Feb. 16	Irma Kaarina Siitonen	Antti and Hannah
Feb. 22	Alice Bertha Elola	John E. and Bertha
March 10	Constance Louise Stevenson	Edgar N. and Eva
March 17	Eveline Marie Lawrence	Eric and Eva
March 21	Carol Mae Stanbridge	Richard and Gladys
March 27	Viljo Erkki Janhunen	Otto W. and Anna L.
April 2	William Roger Herold	William and Adrienne
April 17	Edith Reed	Edmund B. and Rachel
May 3	Marlene Clair Page	Frank and Maud
May 19	Betty Joan McAdams	Leon H. and Maud A.
July 11	Frederic Williams Vieweg	Ernest and Anna
July 28	Isabel Louise Brough	Samuel and Bertha
Aug. 3	Emory Allison Raymond	Emory J. and Nellie L.

Date	Name of child	Name of parents
Aug. 21	Laura Lemmina Rameau	Samuel and Marianne
Sept. 6	Ruth Elaine Walker	Albert R. and Ruth L.
Sept. 18	Judith Fernald Ahlin	Richard W. and Adora Bertha
Oct. 7	Richard Allen Moore	Edward and Winifred
Oct. 23	Harold Emil Koski	Charles Emil and Eva
Nov. 17	Nancy Lee Bjorklund	Harold C. and Sylvia
Nov. 21	Marjorie Lorraine Stiles	Oliver R. and Lillian M.
Nov. 21	Thomas James Rameau	George W. and Alice M.
Dec. 12	Samuel Ellis MacDonald	Erving L. and Doris
Dec. 21	Loring Harry Barrett	Ernest T. and Levina H.

DEATHS 1932.

Date		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 16	Jennie F. Smith	74	9	16
Jan. 26	Alfred C. Barrett		9	3
Feb. 13	John F. Ballou	80		
March 2	Jennie M. Dugan	64	9	6
April 19	Charles L. Mansur	80	3	24
April 27	Kate E. Dawley	72	7	
April 30	Katherine V. Drummond	46	1	4
May 12	Lilla Lynde	55	6	29
May 13	Anna Ollikainen	60	11	11
June 11	Arina L. Antonellis	29	5	10
June 17	Daniel W. Sanders	79	9	
June 17	John Remes	55	5	3
June 19	Cora M. MacAloney	8	11	26
June 27	Wilhelmina Niemi	51	5	8
July 20	Mary E. Sawin	93	9	11
Aug. 6	George T. Moore	1	10	17
Aug. 23	Phyllis A. Chase			20
Aug. 24	Phoebe A. Holden	60		23
Sept. 5	John Leppanen	about 50		
Oct. 4	Helen Gates	87	6	1
Oct. 21	Annie C. Laws	75	4	24

Date		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Oct. 22	Chester H. Caswell	11	10	4
Nov. 17	Nancy Lee Bjorklund	6 hrs. 40 min.		
Nov. 17	Ervin L. G. Johnson	21	11	14
Nov. 25	Kalle Hintala	80	?	?
Dec. 26	Alice C. Corbett	74	8	10

BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL (Non-resident)

Date of Death	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days	From
1932					
Feb. 5	Elsie Sinclair	60	10	12	Templeton
Feb. 6	Fred R. Bolton	73	2	24	Somerville
Feb. 9	Merrick Divoll	66			Fitchburg
Feb. 27	Lloyd Miller	19	1	14	Templeton
Mar. 18	Joseph R. Barrell	83			Fitchburg
June 6	Janice G. Bennett	5	1		Worcester
July 31	Mary J. Hobart	89	11	22	Fitchburg
Aug. 9	Carrie J. Persons	70	2	24	Fitchburg
Sept. 17	Catherine M. Cheney	96	5	17	Framingham
Oct. 7	Frank T. Sweet	69		3	Saratoga, N.Y.
Oct. 10	Hazel A. Frieck	47	3	10	Laconia, N.H.
Oct. 10	Frank M. Smith	79	1	3	Gardner
Nov. 22	Isadore W. Page	65	10	22	Fitchburg
Nov. 30	Martha M. Ingram	79	9	25	Greenfield
Dec. 9	Myra A. Beaman	78	8	24	Athol

MARRIAGES 1932

Date and place of marriage.	Name	Residence
April 13	Charles G. Adams	Westminster
Fitchburg	Frances (Raymond) Pshalgowski	Fitchburg
April 21	Frank Adams Lane	Hubbardston
Fitchburg	Dora May (Langley) Clifford	Westminster

Date and place of marriage.	Name	Residence
April 30 Greenfield	Frank Harris Wilder Louise Norwood Murdock	Sterling Westminster
May 21 Stephentown, N. Y.	Thayer Hall French Harriet Hazel Herr	Westminster Gardner
June 6 So. Ashburnham	Theodore George Kangas Aurelia Wilhelmina King	Westminster Ashburnham
June 18 Westminster	Carl W. Sanford Louise E. Turner	Hanson Hanson
June 20 Westminster	Ernest Levi Bean Inez Blanche (Smith) Ballou	Westminster Westminster
June 24 Greenville, N.H.	Taune Kiuru Kaine Krans	Fitchburg Westminster
July 5 Fitzwilliam, N.H.	Selfred Swanta Andreasson Dorothy (Town) Packard	Ashburnham Westminster
July 21 Westminster	Charles Emil Koski Eva C. Boucher	Westminster Tyngsboro
August 20 Fitzwilliam, N.H.	Martin A. Helman Elsie P. Devoe	Westminster Fitchburg
August 24 Westminster	Frans Niemi Emilia (Makela) Ojanen	Westminster Gardner
Sept. 10 Fitchburg	Porter Woodbury Dawley Frances Brown Ferguson	Westminster Fitchburg
October 1 Fitchburg	Alex Charles Soulia Mary Antonia Pontun	Westminster Westminster

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1932.

Licenses have been issued to the following persons:

Adams, Charles	\$2	Ehalainen, Otto	\$2
Aho, Aarne (2)	7	Engman, George	2
Aho, Arvo	2	Fairbanks, Cora	2
Aho, Matti	2	French, Marshall	2
Antilla, Isaac	2	Friberg, E. H.	5
Arcangeli, G.	2	Goodridge, J. C.	2
Arvio, Charles	2	Hakala, Victor	2
Autyo, Waino	2	Hamalainen, Antti	2
Baker, Lizzie	2	Hamalainen, Edward	2
Baker, Preston	2	Hanks, Henry	2
Ballou, F. E.	2	Hanninen, Otto	2
Ballou, George	5	Hawksworth, Geo. W.	5
Bascomb, A. L.	2	Heikkila, Alex.	2
Battles, H. N. (2)	7	Helman, August	2
Battles, R. W. (2)	7	Herold, W. O.	2
Bergkuist, A.	2	Hill, William	5
Bernhardt, Carl C.	2	Hills, Phillips	2
Black, Luna J.	2	Hintala, E.	2
Brckett, Wilfred	2	Hokkanen, Otto	2
Brigham, Orrin (2)	4	Holm, Carl (2)	4
Brown, Thomas F.	5	Honkala, Oiva	2
Buckman, Delia	2	Hussary, Andrew	5
Chatigny, Walter	5	Hutchinson, Bertha	2
Codding, Arthur	2	Ikaheimo, J.	2
Collette, Bessie	2	Jaaskelinen, H.	2
Corbett, Alice	2	Jamsa, Jack	2
Cummings, Nathan	2	Jamsa, John	2
Curtis, Mrs. H. L.	5	Jarvenpaa, Eino	2
Dawley, G. L.	2	Johnson, Hjalma	2
Daily, Earl	2	Johnson, Isaak	2
Drury, Lillian	2	Kangas, Henry	2
Dyer, Alta	2	Kanto, Mary	5
Eaton, Leon	2	Kantola, Linda	2

Karvonen, John (2)	\$4	Nisula, Frank	\$2
Kelty, Lester, Jr.	2	Nisula, Stephen	2
Keough, M. C.	2	Nurmi, Kaarl	2
Keskinen, H.	2	Noel, Exzelia	2
Kinnari, Ida	2	Noel, St. Denis	2
Kinnary, Karle	2	Ojala, John	2
Korkala, Kusti	2	Page, Carl B,	2
Koski, Jacob	2	Peltari, Nestor	2
Krans, Iver	2	Percy, Paul	2
Kujanpaa, Wm.	5	Putney, William (3)	6
Kurikka, Victor	2	Racine, Mrs. T.	2
Lahtinen, Charles	2	Raita, Aaro	2
Lasson, Mikko	2	Rameau, Cyril	2
Laukkanen, Waino (2)	4	Reed, Lawrence	5
Laws, Eugene	2	Reynolds, C. H.	2
Lehtinen, Ellen	2	Reynolds, C. L. (2)	4
Lehtonen, Emil	2	Rice, Dorothy	2
Lehtonen, Frank	2	Rousu, Eli	2
Leighton, Leona	2	Sakkinen, Charles	2
Leikenen, Kalle	2	Sakkinen, John	2
Linguist, Carl	2	Salo, Andrew	2
Logan, George	2	Salo, August	2
Loughlin, P. H. Jr.	2	Savilanpaa, H.	2
Lynde, Chester (2)	10	Schrieber, Anna	2
MacAloney, Frank	2	Seppala, Gus	2
MacAloney, Wm.	2	Seretto, A. (2)	7
Maki, Gusti	2	Shannon, Bruce	2
Mansur, Edith	2	Silanpaa, Victor	2
Mantilla, Chas.	2	Slade, Fred	2
Mattson, Toivo	2	Smith, Carl	2
McAdams, Leon (3)	9	Smith, Ernest	2
Mickson, Vaino (2)	4	Strout, William (2)	7
Montville, Laura	2	Tamoszaitis, Annie M.	2
Moore, Edward	2	Tamoszaitis, Martin, Jr.	2
Muhonen, Harold	2	Toonros, Oscar	2
Murray, James	2	Towle, H. A.	2
Nelson, Jesse (3)	6	Tuomela, Peter	2
Newell, Fred	2	Tuomi, Axel	2
Niemi, Kasper	2	Vieweg, Ernest	2

Wainonen, E.	\$2	Young, Eunice	\$2
Walkonen, Oiva	5		
Waltonen, H.	2	Total,	\$417.00
Waronen, Axel	2	Clerk's fees	35.40
Wartiainen, Peter	2		
Wasara, Reino	2	Amt. sent to Town and	
Wedlock, J. S.	5	County Treasurers	
Wiinikainen, Abel	2	to Dec. 31, 1932	\$381.60
Wilson, Victor	2		
Winter, Kusti	2	Transfer issued:	
Wiswell, George	2	Maki, Emil	
Withington, Harry	2	ESTHER H. HICKS,	
Wuth, Emil (2)	4	Town Clerk.	

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners.

The usual cleaning up of grounds at different cemeteries, mowing grass and other work has been done during the year 1932.

At Whitmanville the tool house has been shingled. On account of dry weather cemeteries have not looked as well as usual for two years.

FRED I. NEWELL,
ELMER WALKER,
W. F. NEAL,

Cemetery Commissioners,

REPORT OF CONSTABLE.

To the Selectmen:—

The following is a report of the Constable for year Jan. 1, 1932 to December 31, 1932.

During this period I have investigated:

- 95 criminal complaints
- 50 automobile accidents
- 20 tax warrants
- 7 fires
- 7 stray dogs
- 6 abandoned automobiles
- 2 drowning accidents
- 1 suicide
- 1 stolen car
- 10 miscellaneous
- Made 13 arrests
- Served 10 summons
- Served 1 search warrant
- Served 5 Town Meeting warrants
- Served 1 dog warrant
- Served 22 days at court

Total 251

In addition to this I have received 80 tax warrants of which 55 were collected, a total of \$611.15 of which \$259.38 was collected out of Town. 25 were returned to Collector for the following reasons: Paid 9, unknown 7, abated 4, sold for taxes 2, illegal assessments 2, reassessed 1. I have also attended 9 dances and drawn 4 Jurors,

On a total of 251 complaints I worked 714 hours and traveled 3,121 miles. Average wage per hour was 56 cents. Average cost per mile was 10 cents. Largest month was November with 39 complaints, 107 hours and 496 miles. Smallest month was April with 8 complaints, 10 hours and 33 miles.

There were 16 defendants in court, also 2 juveniles, on the following complaints: drunkenness 8, larceny 3, disturbing peace 3, operating under influence 2, violation of fish and game laws 2, assault 1, contempt of court 1, operating to endanger 1, operating without license 1, non-support 1.

Of these complaints 13 paid fines to amount of \$480, 3 were placed on probation, 2 filed, 2 sentenced 3 months, 2 dismissed, 1 sentenced 1 month with sentence suspended and probation 6 months.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In view of the increasing amount of automobile traffic through the Town and also the increase of serious accidents I would again recommend the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a permanent Police Officer or Officers. There is also a steady increase in amount of police work necessary which makes it harder for a part-time Constable to give the time to things which should have more attention.

I would also recommend the Town purchase a light roadster for the use of police in police work. I believe it would amount to considerable saving and a car is necessary at all times.

A place should be provided where police business could be conducted and records kept.

A change should also be made in revolvers now in use. The ones now on hand are of 32 caliber where the 38 caliber is in use in most police departments, the 32 caliber being too light.

We should also have some method of lights that could be used at auto accidents in the night time. I would recommend the all weather highway torch.

HAROLD A. TOWLE,

Constable.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Westminster, Mass., Jan. 1, 1933.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby have the honor to submit for your approval our fifth and the fourteenth annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31st, 1932.

FIRE RECORD.

This year we have answered 52 calls, 21 more than last year. These are as follows:

Buildings	5	Chimneys	17
Brush	24	Automobiles	3
Drowning	2		

We were also called to rescue a deer from pond.

While we were fortunate in having no large losses from brush fires, we nevertheless suffered heavily in the Smith Box Shop fire.

In extinguishing these fires we have traveled 176 miles, raised 525 feet of ladders, laid 5,450 feet of 2½ inch hose, and 3,600 feet of 1 inch hose. Used 82 pump cans and 16 hand chemicals.

HOSE.

We have in service 1,500 feet of 2½ inch double jacket rubber lined hose which is in good condition, and 300 feet which we should replace this year.

APPARATUS.

One 500 gallon Seagrave Pump. This machine is equipped with an 85 gallon booster tank and 200 feet of 1½ inch hose, also 300 feet of

garden hose which can be attached to the booster hose should we need a small amount of water and the same being some distance from a building. This machine is in good condition. One Ford Howe Pump which we use for brush fire work and as an auxiliary piece. One Reo Hose Truck which carries beside hose, 62 feet of ladders and other equipment.

REPAIRS.

This year we shall be forced to at least do some minor repairs to the fire station, the roof is badly in need of repair and it would be false economy to neglect it.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend to all persons considering the purchase of oil burners, to be careful in their selection, and also be sure to get the kind of storage tank prescribed by the State law.

We recommend that in the near future steps be taken in regard to the exits from the G. A R. Hall. We know, should fire occur in the main hall, all avenue of escape would be cut off, and before help could arrive there would be loss of life.

In 75 per cent of the fires that occur, the cause can be directly laid to carelessness, therefore, if you wish to cut the cost of running the fire department down, be careful and have no unnecessary fire hazards in or around your buildings.

In conclusion we wish to thank the Selectmen, Town Accountant and Finance Committee for their assistance and all citizens who in any way assisted this Department. Also to all Officers and Members of the Department we wish to return thanks for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully yours,

F. S. SMITH,

HERBERT L. ROWE,

RAYMOND I. STOCKWELL,

Board of Fire Engineers.

Report of the Charlton Home Farm Association.

For the Year ending December 31, 1932.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Jan. 1, 1932	\$974 13
Inmates' Board	14,012 82
Boarder	43 00
Income from farm	663 65
Miscellaneous	17 66
Interest	27 76

\$15,788 52

EXPENDITURES.

H. D. Sargent and Wife	\$1,600 00
Help, inside and out	1,095 17
Groceries	1,165 58
Meat and Provisions	1,638 15
Grain	1,097 55
Coal	563 93
Gasoline and Oil	212 72
Supplies	989 87
Tobacco	364 81
Electricity, Supplies	164 15
Telephone	55 20
Miscellaneous	1,169 80

Stock	\$357 00
Medical attendance	76 50
Insurance	248 59
Seed and fertilizer	160 83
General Repairs	547 80
Work on refrigerator	108 91
	\$11,816 56
Balance in favor of Association	3,941 96

The Association received from towns on assessment for new addition and by vote of the Association, deposited in savings banks \$4,576.00
 Dividends credited 51.13

 \$4,627.15

During the year there were inmates from Ashburnham, Auburn, Boylston, Brookfield, Charlton, Dana, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holden, Holland, Leicester, Millbury, Paxton, Rutland, Sterling, Warren, West Brookfield, West Boylston and Westminster.

There were none from Berlin, Hubbardston, New Braintree, Oakham and Princeton.

During the year the barn and shed were shingled, the heating and water systems improved and an electric refrigerator of the "Walk in" type contracted for. This was not completed before the end of the year, but was completed soon after the Annual Meeting. There is due for the electric refrigerator \$1,200, the bill for which had not been received.

The appraisal of Real Estate was set at \$15,000 and Personal at \$7,086.55. D. W. Mason, Robert F. Tucker and Percy E. Collins were appraisers.

Respectfully submitted,

H. N. SHEPARD, President.

LOUIS M. HANFF, Sec'y and Treas.

Charlton, Mass., Jan. 2, 1933.

AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR 1932.

I have audited all bills of the Association for the year ending Dec. 31, 1932, including money received and expended, and have found them correct; also all checks which were signed by the President and Treasurer.

CARL F. DAVIS,

Auditor.

NOTE.—At the Annual Meeting, Jan. 3, 1932, it was learned that Herbert N. Shepard, President of the Association since January, 1928, would not be available for re-election as he was not to be a candidate for Board of Public Welfare of Warren.

Mr. Shepard brought to the Association the service and advise of a practical farmer and experienced business man, and under his guidance the Association made many improvements and was placed on a sound financial basis. His place will be hard to fill.

The new officers of the Association are: President, Percy E. Collins, Auburn; Vice-President, Robert F. Tucker, Charlton; Auditor, Carl F. Davis, West Brookfield; Secretary and Treasurer, Louis N. Hanff, Rutland.

LOUIS N. HANFF, Secretary.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DIRECTORY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

School Committee.

Mrs. Agnes W. Mansur, Chairman	Term expires 1933
A. Charles Hicks	Term expires 1934
Porter A. Dawley, Secretary	Term expires 1935

Superintendent of Schools, H. L. Ballou, Sterling, Mass.

School Physician, George A. Mossman, M. D.
Gardner, Mass.

School Nurse, Helen McKowen, R. N., Gardner, Mass.

Supervisor of Music, Hazel R. Johnson, Lowell.

Supervisor of Drawing, Helen M. Groves, Wellesley Hills.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

To conform to that of Fitchburg.

HONOR ATTENDANCE.

Grade 8. Peter Arcangeli, Aili Carlson, Marie Dobeck, Friedolf Kamila, Charles Mantyla, Hugo Wilson.

Grade 7. Rhea Jaaskelainen, Blanche MacAloney, Effie Mayranen, Lempi Tuomi, Phyllis Young.

Grade 6. Joseph Arcangeli, Mary Bonina, Gordon Whitney, Ernest Wilson, Aili Waltonen.

Grade 5. Meriel Smith, Ida Arcangeli.

Grade 4. Ralph Young.

Grade 3. Rita Flagg, Irene Tuomi, Mary Wentworth.

Grade 2. Lillian Niemi.

Whitmanville. Agnes Adams, Irene Salo, Charles Adams, Eero Luomala.

TEACHING PERSONNEL.

Name.	High School.	Norm. School or College.	Teaching Experience
Maurice P. Billings \$2000	Southwest Harbor, Me. 1922	University of Maine 1922-26 Sum. '27, '28, '29, '30.	Westminster, 1927
Signe Antila \$1200	Fitchburg 1925	Fitchburg Nor. 1929, 4 yrs.	Westminster, 1929
Constance Curtis \$1200	Groton 1925.	Tufts '30 4 yrs	Westminster, 1930
Catherine Sullivan \$1100	Fitchburg 1925	Fitchburg Nor. 1927, 2 yrs. Sum. '27, '29, '30	Westminster, 1927
Gertrude S. Shannon \$1200	Cleveland Central 1897	Cleveland Sch. of Education	Cleveland Pub. Schools 1901-'13 Westm'r 1926
Sylvia Turunen \$1050	Fitchburg 1925	Fitchburg Nor. 1928, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1928
Doris M. Fenno \$1200	Gardner 1913	Cush. Acad. '14 Sum. Hyannis '20 Fitchburg '26, '30	Westminster, 1920
Carrie I. Estabrook \$1000	Westminster 1909	Sum. Hyannis '20 Fitch. '26, '29	Westminster, 1911
Doris Cummings \$1000	Westminster	Fitchburg Nor. 1929, 2 yrs.	Westminster, 1929
Mary Smith \$900	Westminster 1928	Fitchburg Nor. 1930, 2 yrs.	Westminster. 1930

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

To the School Committee,

Westminster, Mass.

This is my fifth and the forty-third in the series of Superintendent's reports in this district.

Our teaching personnel has changed but little this past year. By closing the Narrows School, we have eliminated a half-time teaching position and an ungraded school. Mrs. Paul Mansur resigned and Miss Hazel R. Johnson of Lowell Teachers College succeeds her as Supervisor of Music.

The State reimbursement this year is as follows:

General Fund, Part I	\$3,755.00
General Fund, Part II	4,214.24
Employment of a Union Superintendent	773.33
High School Tuition	2,544.40
High School Transportation	3,026.75
High School Grant	250.00
Dep't of Child Guardianship	372.92
Total	\$14,936.64

This year \$14,936.64 is reimbursed on the regular school appropriation, so that 44.46% of the cost of Westminster's schools is borne by the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. BALLOU.

ENROLMENT—WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS—OCT. 1, 1932.

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Annual Prize Speaking Contest, May 20, 1932
Princeton—Westminster—Sterling

PROGRAM

"THE LITTLE GOD AND DICKY"	
Doris Peva	
"THE LAST LEAF"	O. Henry
Ruth Woodward	
"THE ANGELS OF BUENA VISTA"	Whittier
Jean MacLean	
"SILVER WINGS"	Whitfield
Susan Donaldson	
"LITTLE BESSIE"	
Lempi Puomi	

MUSIC

"MR. MARTIN'S SCALP"	Jinny Brown Stories
Earl Wood	
"THE GEOGRAPHY DEMON"	
Bruce Carpenter	
"THE HORSE THIEF"	Benet
Charles Gibson	
"HOW TOM SAWYER WHITEWASHED THE FENCE"	Twain
Donald Morrison	

MUSIC

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Jean MacLean | 2. Susan Donaldson |
| 1. Earl Wood | 2. Charles Gibson |

Program
Fourth Annual Commencement
Upton Junior High School

JUNE 16, 1932.

MARCH	Bruce Carpenter, Marshal
INVOCATION	
SALUTATORY	Hazel Stevenson
REMINISING	Ellen Karvonen
WILL	Vernal Tuttle, Waino Friberg
SELECTIONS	Esther Waltonen
MEMORIAL ESSAY (First Prize, Sons of U. V.)	Hazel Stevenson
ADDRESS TO THE UNDERGRADUATES	Adele Husari
ANSWER FOR THE UNDERGRADUATES	Eli Kahkola
CLASS SONG	(written by Geraldine Keltý, Hilma Braks, Esther Waltenen) Spoken by Geraldine Keltý. Sung by Graduates
GIFTS	Lily Kempí, Aime Robillard
PROPHECY	Doris Peva
SELECTIONS	Aime Robillard
CLASS POEM (Rhyme Ancient Mariner)	Elsie Whitney, Laura Vincent
VALIDICTORY	Aino Keskinen
BELLS OF SONOMA	Junior High School
PRESENTATION OF PRIZES	
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS	Supt. Harold Ballou
BENEDICTION	
RECEPTION	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee respectfully submits its report for the year 1932. It has been hard to heat the small recitation room on the second floor in the Upton building. The ventilation also has been poor. This was remedied by placing the radiator in that room right side up, which greatly increased the radiation of heat.

Through the efficient training of our Superintendent the pupils, who cannot make grade in a year, are receiving special attention. The benefit to the pupil cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. However, if the year's work does not have to be repeated, it results in a saving of approximately \$70 per pupil to the tax-payer.

It is gratifying to hear of the many honor pupils who have gone out from our schools. This is a result of the thorough, conscientious work of the teachers from Grade I up through to the principal.

Out of our appropriation, we have been able by careful planning, to purchase a Ditto Machine. This machine is being used every day by the teachers and is a great help to them in their daily work. It enables each pupil to have a copy of the written tests. It furnishes seat work, drills, and material for notebooks, all through the grades. The strongest point of all in its favor, is the fact that programs, and tickets, can be made upon it, and eliminate the cost of printing.

Miss Helen Groves, supervisor of drawing in Sterling, Princeton, and Westminster, has conducted an evening class for the last few weeks. All those interested in making paper flowers, favors, and novelties, are welcome. Leather work will be taken up later. There is only a small expense just for material, as Miss Groves is generously giving her time and services.

Respectfully submitted,
AGNES W. MANSUR,
A. CHARLES HICKS,
PORTER W. DAWLEY.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT.

RECEIPTS—1932.

Taxes.

Current Year :

Poll	\$908 00
Personal	6,324 48
Real Estate	19,243 86

\$26,476 34

Received from Fitchburg in lieu of Taxes

585 74

Received from Tax Titles

579 62

Previous Years :

1930—Poll	2 00
Personal	5 70
Real Estate	84 51

92 21

1931—Poll	402 00
Personal	1,575 61
Real Estate	14,912 17

16,889 78

From State, Corporation, Bank, etc. :

From State :

Income Tax valuation	2,441 00
Income Tax	105 00
Corporation Tax, business	320 67
R. R. and Tel. & Tel.	79 61
Trust Co., Tax	39 97

2,986 25

Massachusetts School Fund	\$4,214 24
High School	250 00
English Speaking Adults	93 72
Vocational Education	213 00
Income Tax	3,755 00

\$8,525 96

From Licenses :

Alcohol	4 00
Junk	6 00
Golf	41 00
Milk	10 00
Gas	26 00
Common Victualers	26 00
Sunday	54 00
Revolver	3 00
Fish and Meat	15 00
Inn Holders	5 00
Slaughtering	2 00
Auctioneers	2 00

194 00

From Court Fines 90 00

From Dog Licenses 144 60

Wild Cat Bounty 10 00

From Hager Park Trustees :

Wood for Town Hall	86 25
Wood for Schools	98 87
Wood for Library	93 44

278 56

From Moth Assessments :

1981 69 32

1932	\$80 67	
		\$149 99
From Motor Vehicle Excise Tax:		
1931	197 32	
1932	2,011 10	
		2,208 42
From Old Age Assistance Tax:		
1931	169 00	
1932	454 00	
		623 00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT.		
Town Hall:		
Rent		360 00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.		
Inspection:		
Animals	63 88	
Sealer's fees	23 50	
		87 38
Forest fires		24 00
HEALTH AND SANITATION.		
Dental Clinic:		
Individuals		7 00
HIGHWAYS AND STATE ROAD.		
From State, Chap. 81	7,700 00	

From State, Ashburnham road,	\$1,598 47	
From State, Gate House road,	2,499 98	
From State, Chap. 90 Maintenance	2,000 00	
From State, Gate House Bridge Abutment	118 08	
		\$13,916 53
From Chap. 81, for Road Machinery Rental		352 54
From County, Ashburnham road (1931 contract)	189 25	
From County, Chap. 90, Maintenance		
(1931 Contract)	206 91	
From County, Ashburnham road	1,598 46	
From County, Chap. 90, Maintenance	2,000 00	
From County, Gate House road	2,499 98	
From County, Gate House Bridge Abutment	118 08	
		6,612 68
From State, for roads (Estimated Receipts)		3,850 00
From County, Engineers' Department		1 10

CHARITIES.

Reimbursement from State

For State	220 00
From State, Veterans' exemption	53 06
From State, Board of Public Welfare	1,022 84
Old Age Assistance	1,364 22
Mothers' Aid	270 95

From Cities and Towns,

Soldiers' Relief	144 00
Board of Public Welfare	213 07
Old Age Assistance	9 52

3,297 66

SCHOOLS.

Reimbursements	38 75
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LIBRARY.

Sale of junk	\$10 00
Fines	17 26

 \$27 26

UNCLASSIFIED.

Sale of junk	9 48
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CEMETERIES.

For grass sold	20 00
For sale of lot	5 00
For Care of Lots	44 50
For work on lots	271 10
For burials	288 00
For foundations	89 00

 667 60

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Revenue loan No. 55	4,900 00
Revenue loan No. 56	10,000 00
Revenue loan No. 57	3,000 00
Revenue loan No. 58	10,000 00
Revenue loan No. 59	5,000 00

 82,900 00

INTEREST.

Taxes 1930	3 05
Tax titles	18 92
Taxes 1931	591 39
Taxes 1932	14 97
Excise taxes 1931	2 10
Excise taxes 1932	14

 630 57

Income from Trust Funds.
(Credited to Library).

Town Library Fund	\$76 50
Child's Library Fund	6 38
George A. Miller Library Fund	80 80
P. P. Ellis Library Fund	22 50
Haws Library Fund	52 50
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	21 25
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	20 00
A. R. Hager Library Fund	37 50
Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	12 75
Farnsworth Library Fund	22 31

\$352 49

From Gardner Trust Co.,

Interest on Deposits	47 82
Interest on Water Fund	626 25

Trust and Investment:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds (new)	1,022 47
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Refunds and Transfers:

Refunds:

Loss of Taxes	792 13
Schools	27 65
Library	2 10
Board of Public Welfare	3 70
Highways	12 75

838 33

Transfers: (Interest transferred to cash)

Smith Poor Fund	1,518 31
Forbush Poor Fund	261 43
Upton School Fund	103 76
Hager School Fund	650 00

M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund	\$20 00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	865 23

\$3,418 73

Total Receipts \$128,918 11

Cash on hand January 1, 1932 406 88

\$129,324 49

EXPENDITURES.

General Government.

Legislative:

Moderator	\$5 00
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Selectmen:

Salaries	\$202 50
Printing and postage	21 37
Telephone	24 38
Other expense	6 00

\$254 25

Accountant:

Salary	360 00
Stamped envelopes	44 04

404 04

Treasurer:

Salary	67 50
Surety bond	50 00
Care of Trust Funds	10 00
Telephone	5 60
Printing and other expense	4 90

138 00

Collector:

Salary	\$384 68
Surety bond	75 00
Printing, postage, etc.	101 96

 \$561 64
Assessors:

Salaries	215 00
Printing and postage	13 51
Traveling expenses	7 50

 236 01
Other Finance and Office Accounts:

Certification of Notes	8 00
Rent of Safety Deposit Box	20 00

 28 00
Law Department:

Services	119 05
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Town Clerk:

Salary	67 50
Recording fees	88 90
Printing and postage	31 36
Express	7 30
All other	2 05

 197 11
Election and Registration:**Wages for services.**

Registrars	61 70
Election Officers	84 50
Printing and postage	41 75
All other	12 70

 200 65

 \$2,143 75

Appropriation \$2,100.
 Trans. from Reserve fund 48.75
 Town Hall:

Salary.

Janitor	\$300 00
Other labor	30 00
Water rent	18 75
Fuel	86 25
Lights	114 18
Janitor's supplies	14 64
Repairs	54 75
Telephone	12 40
Insurance	11 55

\$642 52

Appropriation \$600.
 Trans. from Reserve fund 42.52

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

Constable:

Wages for Investigating Complaints	295 85
Investigating automobile accidents	73 00
Investigating dog complaints	20 00
Transportation	807 70
Court fees	48 50
Tax Warrants	44 56
Telephone and postage	18 65

808 26

Appropriation \$900. Bal. \$91.74

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages.

Engineers and Firemen	130 00
Firemen, house fires	331 00
Doctor's services	19 00
Refreshments	9 34

Gas and oil	\$34 11
Labor on truck	255 44
Apparatus	19 61
Hose	348 00
Insurance	24 70
Fire Alarm	6 60
Repairs on same	10 67
Fuel	119 50

Building and Grounds.

Repairs	2 50
Care of heater	54 00
Telephone	39 95
Supplies	3 24
Record book	1 25
Express and all other expense	19 66

\$1,428 57

Forestry:

Salary, Forest Warden	22 50
Firemen, (brush fires)	204 25

226 75

1,655 32

Appropriation \$1,700. Bal. \$44.68.

Forest Fire Equipment

48 00

(Appropriation \$50. Reimbursed $\frac{1}{2}$ by State)

Moth Department:

Wages	488 36
Trucks or teams	75 61
Insecticides	55 48
Gas, supplies, etc.	21 54

635 99

Appropriation \$685.99.

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary	\$45 00
Equipment	7 19
Express	4 71

 \$56 90

Appropriation \$75. Bal. \$18.10

Tree Warden:

Wages	18 75
Truck	6 25

 25 00

Appropriation \$25.

Board of Health:

General Administration.

Labor at public dump	87 05
Tuberculosis, board and treatment	585 00
Burial permits	14 50
Inspection of School Children	67 50
Inspection of barns and animals	85 40
Inspection of meats and provisions	148 40

 987 85

Appropriation \$1,500. Balance \$512.15.

Dental Clinic:

Doctor's fees	60 00
Assistants	21 00
Equipment and supplies	11 30
Traveling expense	7 70

 100 00

Appropriation \$100.

Highways—Chap. 81:

General Administration.

Telephone, express, etc.	5 16
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Labor	\$6,512 56
Trucks or teams	2,254 27
Stone, gravel, etc.	152 57
Sign posts	25 90
Equipment and repairs	155 85
Fuel	89 96
Gas, oil, etc	60 67
Surface oil	1,012 49
Tarmac	478 65
Steam roller	317 50
Machinery rental	352 54
All other	131 32

\$11,549 44

Appropriation	\$3,850.	Bal. \$1.86.
Received from State	7,700.	
Refund on check	1.30	

Machinery Repairs (Appropriation \$300. Bal. \$44.06) 255 94

Watering Tubs:

Water rent	31 25
Care of tub	2 00

33 25

Appropriation \$50. Bal. \$16.75.

Street Lighting Contract, Appro. \$1,640.04 1,640 04

Bridges:

Wages	196 97
Lumber	193 94
All other expense	8 85

399 76

Appropriation \$400. Bal. .24

Chapter 90, Maintenance:

Labor	2,898 48
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Trucks	\$589 15
Gravel	27 20
Equipment and repairs	31 32
Guard rail posts	2 40
Surface oil	948 28
Tarmac	1,085 00
Steam roller	145 00
Cylinder oil	9 38
Coal	43 51
Catch basin frames	20 18

\$5,249 85

Appropriation \$1,250.

From State 2,000. Bal. .15.

From County 2,000.

Gate House Road:

Labor	3,065 57
Trucks	831 25
Steam roller	455 00
Culverts	456 76
Coal	138 80
Cylinder oil	5 70
Equipment and repairs	47 55
Tarmac	1,057 54
Fence posts	6 90
Gravel	188 32

6,253 39

Appropriation \$1250.

State 2500.

County 2500.

Refund 3.45 Bal. .06.

Gate House Bridge Abutment:

Labor

9 40

Appropriation \$250.

From State 500. Bal, \$1,240, 60,

From County 500.

Ashburnham Road :

Advertising	\$27 60
Labor	60 00
Contractor	2,914 02

 \$3,001 62

Appropriation \$1250. Bal. \$3248.38.

State 2500.

County 2500.

Snow and Ice Removal :

Wages	664 36
Trucks	228 55
Repairs	265 84
Number plates	2 00
Lights	7 20
Gas and oil	79 42
Express and telephone	6 53
Rent of snow plow	225 00

 1,478 90

Appropriation \$1,500. Bal. \$21.10.

Snow Plow (Special appropriation) 175 00

Sidewalk Maintenance :

Wages	24 58
Teams	11 91

 36 49

Appropriation \$50. Bal. \$13.51.

Sidewalk Repairs :

Labor	3 25
Truck	50
Cement	96 25

 100 00

Appropriation \$100.

CHARITIES.

Board of Public Welfare.

General Administration.

Salaries	\$63 00
Printing, postage, etc.	8 79
Other expenses	10 00

 \$81 79

Relief by Town.

Clothing, groceries and provisions	2,157 03
Fuel	37 75
Charlton Home Farm	941 40
Hospital and medical attendance	910 25
Allowances	1,115 86
Taxes	28 40
Burial	70 00
All other	1 90

 5,262 59

Relief—reimbursed by

Cities	384 07
Towns	176 84
State	1,467 95

 2,028 86

Mothers' Aid.

By Town	865 18
Reimbursed by State	431 97

 1,297 15

 8,670 39

Board of Public Welfare appropriation \$7,100.00.

Income from Smith Fund 1,518.31.

Income from Forbush Fund 261.43.

Refund 3.70. Bal. \$213.05.

Old Age Assistance:

Allowances	\$2,550 72
Expense	11 60

 \$2,562 32

(Appropriation \$2750. Bal. \$187.68)

Reimbursed O. A. A., other towns and cities	198 04
Reimbursed O. A. A., special appropriation	76 67

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Groceries	50 78
Allowance	260 00

 310 78

Appropriation \$350. Bal. \$39.22.

State Aid (Appropriation \$120.)	120 00
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SCHOOLS.

School Committee:

Salaries	202 50
Printing and postage	4 58
School telephone	61 35
Other expenses	27 71

 296 14

Supt. of Schools.

Salary	1,238 00
Traveling expenses	181 00
School census	25 00
Telephone	18 92

 1,457 92

Supervisors :**Salaries.**

Music Teacher	\$583 00
Drawing Teacher	548 00
Traveling expenses	125 53

\$1,206 53

Nurse

Salary	585 00
Traveling expenses	109 25

694 25

Teachers.**Salaries.**

Junior High	4,114 00
Elementary	7,578 25
Americanization classes	88 00

11,780 25

Bonuses, (for Teachers in District schools—Hager Fund) 650 00

Mass. Teachers' Retirement Fund 545 50

Text Books and Supplies.

Jr. High, books	179 34
Elementary, books	84 07
Jr. High, supplies	362 51
Elementary, supplies	262 84

888 76

Tuition.

High	5,693 74
Elementary	873 50

6,067 24

Transportation.

High	\$2,971 69
Jr. High	2,909 23
Elementary	3,423 08

 \$9,303 95

Janitors' Services.

Jr. High	124 84
Elementary	245 25
Janitor's supplies	49 19

 419 28

Fuel.

Jr. High	100 78
Elementary	239 45

 340 18

Lights, Jr. High and Elementary

155 33

Water, Jr. High and Elementary

29 00

Insurance, Jr. High and Elementary

196 59

Maintenance of Building and Grounds.

Jr. High.

Repairs	164 09
All other	34 65

Elementary.

All other	28 05
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 226 79

Prize Speaking and Graduating expenses

47 01

Miscellaneous printing

6 80

Medical attendance

24 00

All other expenses

12 66

 \$34,348 18

Appropriation

\$33,898.01.

Refund

2.00,

Int. Upton School Fund	\$103.76.	Bal. \$805.59.
Int. Hager School Fund	650.00.	

Playground Equipment (special appropriation \$100. Bal. \$87.82) 12 18

Vocational School:

Tuition	320 00
Transportation	516 00

836 00

Appropriation \$900. Bal. \$64.

LIBRARY.

Salaries and wages.

Librarian	450 00
Assistants	280 00
Janitor	180 00

860 00

Books and Periodicals.

Cataloging books	13 55
Books	157 90
Periodicals	76 40
Book binding	63 40
Supplies, printing and postage	24 96
Telephone and express	4 29

340 50

Building.

Repairs	54 70
Care of grounds	15 57
Fuel	165 94
Lights	96 80
Janitor's supplies	2 95
Furniture	9 45
Insurance	223 35

Cleaning Library	\$81 00	
All other	1 22	
		\$650 98
		1,851 48

Bal. Jan. 1, 1932	.06	
Appropriation	1,500.00	
Refund	2.10	Bal. \$3.17.
Income from Trust Funds	352.49	

UNCLASSIFIED.

Liability Insurance (Appropriation \$500. Bal. \$3.52)	496 48
Care of Town Clock (Appropriation \$20.)	20 00
Memorial Day (Appropriation \$125. Bal. 3.42)	121 58
Printing Town Reports (Appropriation \$278.75)	278 75
Overdrawn appropriations (1931) special appropriations	435 45
Tuberculosis Hospital Apportionment (appro. \$225.6+.	
Reserve \$50.95)	276 59

World War Memorial.

Work on grounds	29 63
Labor and paint for flag pole	3 50
Fertilizer	3 50

36 63

Appropriation \$75. Bal. \$38.37.

Miscellaneous.

Town Hall Grounds.

Labor and trucks	21 50
Brick	5 00
Cement	31 20
Loma	3 00
Other work	10 91

71 61

Work on fountain	60
Booths at election	9 90
Labor and trucks repairing washouts	169 37

\$251 48

Appropriation \$800. Balance \$48.52.

HAGER PARK TRUSTEES.

Cutting and yarding wood	117 08
Delivering wood	99 63
Expense of administration	25 00

241 71

Appropriation \$400. Bal. 158.29.

CEMETERIES.

Labor, care of lots	1,106 75
Trucks or teams	17 00
Burials	815 00
Foundations	39 00
Other expense	33 11

1,510 86

Appropriation \$1400. Reserve fund \$110.86.

Perpetual Care of lots, (Interest trans. from trust funds)	832 23
M. A. Creed Cemetery Wall Work, (Interest trans.)	20 00
D. W. Saunders Cemetery Fund (Int. trans.)	33 00

INTEREST.

Temporary Loans.

Interest on fire engine note	144 80
Rev. loan Nos. 55, 56 and 57	702 54

847 34

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.

Loans in anticipation of revenue	27,900 00
Payment on principal, fire engine loan	1,000 00

AGENCY AND TRUST.

Agency.

County tax	2,556 00
State tax	2,047 50
Auditing Municipal Accounts tax	747 49
State Parks and Reservations tax	3 63
Old Age Assistance tax	504 00
	5,858 62
Dog licences to County	144 60

Trust.

Investment of Perpetual Care Funds	1,022 47
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Total Payments, \$127,600 50

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1932, 1,728 99

\$129,324 49

FLORENCE B. RICE,

Town Accountant.

Care of World War Memorial.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 1932.

With the reduction of expense of labor and the co-operation of individuals your committee submits the following report.

Appropriation	\$75 00	
Expended	36 63	
Balance unexpended		\$38 37

For details see Report of Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE T. DAWLEY,

M. NELLIE MILLER,

Committee.

Trust Fund Cash and Securities.	Amount		Income 1932	Income spent	New Trust Funds	Amount Jan. 1, 1933
	Jan. 1, 1932	1932				
F. W. Smith Poor Fund	\$34,401 45	\$1,384 12	\$1,518 81			\$34,267 26
J. W. Forbush Poor Fund	1,960 38	104 55	261 43			1,803 45
Upton School Fund	11,085 47	597 76	103 76			11,579 47
Joseph Hager School Fund	13,948 59	598 40	650 00			13,896 99
Preston P. Ellis School Fund	593 81	22 88				616 69
Town Library Fund	1,800 00	76 50	76 50			1,800 00
M. A. Farnsworth Library Fund	525 00	22 31	22 31			525 00
C. A. Forbush Library Fund	500 00	21 25	21 25			500 00
J. W. Forbush Library Fund	1,000 00	20 00	20 00			1,000 00
A. R. Hager Library Fund	600 00	37 50	37 50			600 00
M. D. Haws Library Fund	1,000 00	52 50	52 50			1,000 00
Lucy J. Childs Library Fund	150 00	6 38	6 38			150 00
Preston P. Ellis Library Fund	500 00	22 50	22 50			500 00
Fred S. Whitman Library Fund	300 00	12 75	12 75			300 00
Daniel W. Saunders Library Fund					2,000 00	2,000 00
George A. Miller Library Fund	1,901 16	80 80	80 80			1,901 16
Sarah M. Barnes Library Fund	200 00					200 00
Daniel W. Saunders Cemetery Fund		40 00	38 00		2,000 00	2,007 00
M.A.Creed Cemetery Wall Fund	1,014 48	43 28	20 00			1,037 76
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	17,373 67	628 41	832 23		1,022 47	18,192 32
Water Investment	15,000 00	626 25	626 25			15 000 00
	\$103,853 96	\$4,398 14	\$4,397 47		\$5,022 47	\$108,877 10

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Taxes 1980.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1982		\$94 21
Payments to Treasurer	\$92 21	
Abatement	2 00	
		94 21

Taxes 1981.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1982		18,973 12
Payments to Treasurer	16,889 78	
Tax titles	1,672 90	
Abatements	75 90	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1982 (in hands Col.)	384 54	
		18,978 12

Taxes 1982.

Commitment of Taxes		48,050 05
Payments to Treasurer	26,476 84	
Abatements	221 82	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1982	16,852 39	
		48,050 05

Interest.

Previous years, 1980	8 05
Tax titles	18 92

Taxes 1981	\$591 39
Taxes 1982	14 97
Excise tax 1981	2 10
Excise tax 1982	14

 \$680 57

Moth Tax 1930.

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1932	52
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Moth Tax 1931.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1932	74 52
Payments to Treasurer	69 32
Moth on tax title	4 32
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1932	88

 74 52

Moth Tax 1932.

Commitment	161 98
Payments to Treasurer	80 67
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1932	81 31

 161 98

Old Age Assistance Tax, 1931.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1932	169 00
Payments to Treasurer	169 00

Old Age Assistance Tax, 1932.

Commitment	505 00
Payments to Treasurer	454 00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1932	51 00

 505 00

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1930.

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1932	\$4 00
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Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1931.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1932	283 12
Payments to Treasurer	\$197 32
Abatements	4 24
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1932	81 56
	283 12

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1932.

Commitment	2,318 44
Payments to Treasurer	2,011 10
Abatements	9 69
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1932	297 65
	2,318 44

WINDSOR F. NEAL,

Tax Collector.

HAGER PARK.

The Trustees have continued to furnish wood to the Town Hall, Public Library, Upton Portable and Whitmanville Schools, also to the Welfare Department, and the supply was used up on Jan. 1st. We are having more cut from which we are now delivering.

Mr. Barron, an active member from the start, declines a re-election and Mr. Andrew C. Ham was unanimously chosen at the Caucus to fill the vacancy.

Total amount received for wood,	\$278.56
Total amount expended	241.71
Appropriation for 1932, \$400.	Gain \$36.85
Appropriation asked for 1933, 300.	

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO,

CARLOS E. BARRON,

FRANK W. DERBY,

Trustees.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

Town appropriations	\$70,590 95
State tax	2,047 50
State Park and Reservations tax	3 63
Auditing Municipal accounts tax	747 49
County tax	2,556 00
Overlay	1,332 88

\$77,782 45

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Income tax	5,711 08
Motor Vehicle Excise tax	3,000 00
Corporation tax	466 73
Bank tax	37 43
Fines	95 00
General government	300 00
Health and Sanitation	50 00
Charities	1,394 50
Old Age Assistance	310 00
Soldiers' Benefits	92 68
Schools	13,622 35
Libraries	21 47
Hager Park	227 26
Cemeteries	615 50

Interest on Deposit	608 11
Interest on tax assessments	583 97
Highway Appropriation Offset, Chap. 122, Acts 1931	3,850 00
Reimbursement for loss of taxes	1,539 46
	\$32,875 45
Outside funds, (voted by Town meeting to be used by the Assessors), upon written authority from the Commis- sioner of Taxation	1,374 12
Total Deduction	34,249 57
Net amount raised on polls and property	43,532 88
Number of Old Age Assistance taxes, 504 at \$1.00	504 00
Number of polls, 504 at \$2.00	1,008 00
Total valuation, \$1,448,996 at \$29 per \$1,000	42,020 88
Gain by fractions	1 57
	43,534 45
Moth tax	161 98
Total amount of taxes in Collector's commitment list	43,696 43

DECEMBER ASSESSMENT.

Valuation \$400 at \$29, Tax \$11.60

E. J. RAYMOND,

A. P. MILLER,

PETER SAKKINEN,

Assessors of Westminster.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Relief work amounted to much more than last year. Income from Frederick Smith Fund provided less than one-fourth of amount.

Three dependents cared for at Home Farm. Aided twelve State cases, two cases belonging to other towns. Three Mothers' Aid cases and thirty Westminster cases. One hundred eighty-eight persons in all.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS W. FRENCH, Chairman,
CYRUS T. MILLER,
CORA T. FAIRBANKS,

Board of Public Welfare.

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE.

We have aided twelve cases in all. Three had settlements in other towns and one with Westminster settlement was aided out of town.

The State has allowed full reimbursement for all cases from July 1, 1931 to May 1, 1932.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS T. MILLER, Chairman,
L. W. FRENCH,
CORA T. FAIRBANKS.

Worcester County Extension Service.

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1, 1932, on hand, balance	\$152 80
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EXPENDITURES.

March—Flanagan's Bus Lines, transportation of 4-H club members to Worcester meeting	9 25
Feb.—Mrs. Helen Mickson, expense incurred in attending leaders' meetings in Worcester	95
Feb.—Mrs. Mildred Nye, supplies for 4-H club exhibit	8 46
Feb.—Mrs. Eva Roper, expense incurred in connection with attendance at leaders meeting at Worcester	98
Feb.—Mrs. Emma Stockwell, ditto	68
Feb.—Mrs. Annie L. Conant, ditto, 4 meetings	3 53
July—Mrs. Annie Conant, bus fare, 2 leader meetings	3 45
Oct.—Betty Conant, expense to judging contest, Worcester Fair	1 20
Oct.—Mrs. A. H. Nye, services as 4-H club leader	10 00
Oct.—Mrs. O. H. Conant, services as 4-H club leader	10 00
	\$48 50
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1933	\$104 80

ERNEST M. VIEWEG.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE.

To the School Committee, Westminster:

I herewith submit my report as school nurse from Jan. 1, 1932 to Dec. 31, 1932. Two days each school week were spent in the schools of Westminster.

- 1052 children were inspected.
- 411 were weighed and measured.
- 388 dressings were done at the schools.
- 128 home visits made.
- 30 telephone calls, for follow-up work, made.
- 4 children taken to doctor's office for treatment.
- 2 vaccinated at the doctor's office.
- 3 taken to doctor's office for eye examination and fitted to glasses.
- 2 x-rayed at the State T. B. Clinic at Fitchburg.
- 3 examined by the State doctor at Fitchburg.
- 53 had work done on their teeth at the Dental Clinic.
- Many others were examined and advised by the dentist.
- 270 tested for ear or eye defects.
- 73 were tested for ear defects by the audiometer.
- 9 were operated upon for tonsils and adenoids.
- 8 pair of glasses were obtained.
- 1 treated at the Orthopedic Clinic at Heywood Hospital, Gardner.

The School Doctor visited the schools in the Fall and each child received the customary physical examination, and notices of physical defects were sent home to the parents.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN T. McKOWEN, R. N.

TOWN TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1931	\$406 38
Borrowed from bank	32,900 00
W. F. Neal, Collector, taxes	46,439 74
City of Fitchburg, taxes	585 74
Tax titles redeemed	579 62
From all other sources	48,413 01
	129,824 49
Payments with Selectmen's approval, per warrants on file	127,600 50
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1932	1,723 99
Total,	\$129,324 49

TRUST FUNDS.

Frederick W. Smith Poor Fund.

Gardner Savings Bank	\$5,821 60
Gardner Trust Co., savings dept.	3,594 66
Fitchburg Savings Bank	3,000 00
Athol Savings Bank	3,000 00
Leominster Savings Bank	3,000 00
Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	3,000 00
Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank	3,000 00
Worcester County Inst. for Savings	3,000 00
Worcester North Savings Institution	6,851 00
Total fund	\$34,267 26

Principal \$34,175.47

Joseph W. Forbush Worthy Poor Fund.

Worcester North Savings Institution, Fitchburg	1,803 45
Principal, \$1,000.	

Forbush Memorial Library Funds.

Town Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	1,800 00
Preston Ellis Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank	500 00

Lucy J. Childs Fund, Fitchburg Savings Bank \$150 00
 (new) Daniel W. Sanders Fund, Fitch. Sav. Bank 2,000 00
 George A. Miller Fund,

Worcester North Savings Instn.,	1,901 16
C. A. Forbush Fund, Leominster Savings Bank	500 00
M. A. Farnsworth Fund, Leominster Savings Bank	525 00
J. W. Forbush Fund, Athol Savings Bank	1,000 00
Frederick S. Whitman Fund, Gardner Savings Bank	300 00
A. R. Hager Fund, Gardner Savings Bank	600 00
Sarah M. Barnes Fund, Gardner Savings Bank	200 00
M. D. Haws Fund, Winchendon Savings Bank	1,000 00

Income used annually for library purposes.

Total Principal, Library Trust Funds	\$10,476 16
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Preston P. Ellis School Fund.

Fitchburg Savings Bank	500 00
Gardner Trust Company	116 69

Total	616 69
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Principal \$500.

Joseph Hager School Fund.

Liberty Bonds 4½%	\$2,500 00
Telephone Bonds 5%	1,000 00
Gardner Savings Bank	4,000 00
Leominster Savings Bank	2,000 00
Worcester North Savings Institution	2,500 00
Gardner Trust Co., Sav. dept.	1,896 99

Total, Hager School Fund	\$18,896 99
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Principal, \$12,000.

Upton School Fund.

Orange Savings Bank	541 20
Templeton Savings Bank	612 63

Fitchburg Savings Bank	\$694 88	
Peoples' Savings Bank, Worcester	1,000 00	
Worcester County Ins. for Savings	1,100 00	
Worcester Mechanics' Savings Bank	1,000 00	
Central Trust Co., Cambridge	1,125 88	
Gardner Trust Co., savings dept.	1,304 98	
25 shares Pullman Inc.,	1,400 00	
28 shares Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. (par value)	2,800 00	
Total Upton fund		\$11,579 47
Principal, \$11,116.50		

Daniel W. Sanders Cemetery Fund.

Principal \$2,000. (a new Trust Fund)	\$2,007 00
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City of Fitchburg Water Fund.

Gardner Savings Bank	3,500 00	
Worcester North Savings Institution	7,000 00	
Gardner Trust Company Savings Dept.	4,500 00	
Total		15,000 00

All income transferred to General Account.

Milton A. Creed Cemetery Wall Fund.

Liberty bonds 4½%	1,000 00	
Gardner Trust Company	37 76	
Total		1,037 76

Principal \$1,000.

Anniversary of 1909 account, bal. in bank	8 61
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The town borrowed in 1932 in anticipation of taxes \$32,900.
Loans now outstanding—

\$5,000.00 due Oct. 27, 1933.

2,200.00 Fire Engine notes, yearly payments.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

	Jan. 1, 1932.	Income.	Withdrawn & Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1933
Allen, Lyman	\$145 70	\$5 86	\$10 50	\$141 06
Allen, Frederick	137 92	5 54	6 25	137 21
Bacon, Edward	116 52	4 71	2 50	118 73
Baker, Ellen L.	108 86	4 38	2 00	111 24
Baker, Eliza	102 36	4 27		106 63
Baker, Calvin	52 78	2 19		54 97
Baker, Charles F.	54 11	2 25	4 00	52 36
Barnes, Sarah M.	100 74	4 06	2 00	102 80
Barrows—Griffin	105 56	4 39		109 95
Bartow, Hattie Wheeler	51 48	2 07	3 25	50 30
Battles, Alfred	102 42	4 14	2 50	104 06
Battles, Benj. F.	103 43	4 31	2 50	105 24
Beaman, Ruth P.	52 67	2 19	1 00	53 86
Bean, John M.	51 66	2 14	2 00	51 80
Bean, Laura J.	108 46	4 52	10 25	102 73
Benjamin, Wm. H.	121 28	4 90	2 00	124 18
Bolton, Alonzo D.	104 84	4 20	2 00	107 04
Bolton, Franklin E.	108 09	4 38	2 50	109 97
Bolton, Simeon and Elizabeth Whitney	108 25	4 52	4 00	108 77
Brown, John	136 81	5 50	22 00	120 31
Brown, Timothy	122 46	4 95	10 50	116 91
Brooks, S. E. and A.	224 40	9 09	5 00	228 49
Borey, M. J.	60 22	2 43	10 00	52 65
Bruce, James R. & George W.	109 73	4 58		114 31
Burpee, Viola N.	56 17	2 26		58 43
Carter, Merriam and Hannaford	176 34	7 37	6 00	177 71
Childs, Lucy J.	208 39	8 70	2 50	214 59
Cutler, Jonas	118 56	4 76	2 50	120 82
Cowee, Sarah M.	129 90	5 72	4 00	131 12
Coleman and Derby	167 40	6 74	4 00	170 14
Daisy, Henry H.	103 04	4 16	2 00	105 20
Davis, Geo. M. and Elizabeth	109 06	4 56	14 00	99 62

	Jan. 1, 1932.	Income.	Withdrawn & Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1933
Davis, Horace E.	\$111 20	\$4 64	\$16 00	\$99 84
Derby, Walter	109 12	4 42	2 00	111 54
Drury, Sarah E.	51 84	2 06	2 75	50 65
Durling, A. R.	110 46	4 46	2 00	112 92
Dupree, Charles H. & Mary A.	219 59	8 84	4 00	224 43
Eaton, Lura B.	107 52	4 47	1 25	110 74
Eaton, Mary W.	55 52	2 24	5 00	52 76
Elliott, Flora E.	50 92	2 04	2 00	50 96
Estey, Oliver	125 08	5 06	4 00	126 14
Ellis, Preston P.	163 26	6 82	3 50	166 58
Eaton, William	146 85	5 90	4 00	148 75
Eaton, Marshall	131 12	5 22	3 75	132 65
Eaton, Stillman	43 92	1 74	1 25	44 41
Estabrook, J. W.	51 36	2 06	2 00	51 42
Foskett, Sarah A.	55 77	2 95	3 50	55 22
Forbush, Charles A.	149 56	6 02	35 00	120 58
Forbush, Joseph W.	222 03	8 96	3 00	227 99
Farnsworth, Mary A.	62 81	2 52	1 50	63 83
Goodridge, John C.	153 55	6 22	3 50	156 27
Healy and Dalrymple	57 06	2 30	2 00	57 36
Hager, Joseph	433 50	17 58	30 00	421 08
Hager, George W.	83 32	2 24	2 00	84 66
Hager, Elijah	88 63	3 56	2 00	90 19
Harris and Barnes	115 43	4 66	4 50	115 59
Hadley, Laura E.	104 55	4 35	2 00	106 90
Hay, Arthur	200 70	8 38	2 50	206 58
Howe, Daniel & Daniel M.	208 98	8 73	4 00	213 71
Holden and Eames	148 69	5 98	1 25	153 42
Harrington and Wheeler	53 02	2 14	1 50	53 66
Hood, M. E.	140 70	5 66	3 00	143 36
Hartwell, Leander	62 61	2 50	2 00	63 11
Haynes, George N.	128 05	5 18	10 75	122 48
Ham, George S. & Andrew C.	178 29	7 45		185 74
Hill, David W.	239 52	9 70	3 00	246 22
Jackson, Levi and Jane	120 64	4 88	1 25	124 17

	Jan. 1, 1932.	Income.	Withdrawn & Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1933
Johnson, John	\$103 87	\$4 34	\$3 00	\$105 21
Kendall, Edward S. & Mary E.	105 20	4 26	2 00	107 46
Kendall, Edward F. & Ezekiel	454 45	18 43	12 00	460 88
Kendall, George S.	105 00	4 39	4 00	105 39
Leland, H. J.	52 48	2 12	2 00	52 60
Lewis, Nelson	108 68	4 88	2 00	111 06
Lamb, Stephen F.	119 24	4 82	3 75	120 21
Lantz, Mary E. Taylor lot	110 68	4 62	14 00	101 30
Learned and Goodnow	99 99	4 02	3 00	101 01
Lynde, John & Lucy K.	170 90	8 13	23 00	156 03
Merriam, Read	116 63	4 71	20 00	101 34
Merriam, Thos.	110 86	4 48	2 00	113 34
Miller, James W.	130 73	5 29	3 00	133 02
Miller, John C.	112 65	4 55	2 50	114 70
Miller, Joseph and Emily	53 16	2 14	1 50	53 80
Miller, Sylvester	198 11	8 29	16 00	190 40
Miles and Puffer	57 48	3 05	7 48	53 05
Morse, Farwell	111 74	4 48	2 00	114 22
Marshall, Julia L.	117 80	4 76	14 00	108 56
Merriam, Francis	117 58	4 75	10 25	112 08
Mayo, William	230 93	5 30	30 50	209 73
Minott, Fanny	109 18	4 56	2 50	111 24
Minott, Joseph	125 48	5 04	22 00	108 52
Merriam, Artemas	184 29	7 42	7 00	184 71
Merriam, Oliver M.	126 82	5 10	23 00	108 92
McAllister, Rev. Wm. C.	111 68	4 66	10 25	106 09
Nichols, Charles	205 24	8 32	10 50	203 06
Nichols, Frederick	113 08	4 58	2 75	114 91
Partridge, Seaver & Hartwell	161 67	6 50	5 75	162 42
Perkins, Harrison	53 87	2 24	1 00	55 11
Pierce, Elisha	277 53	11 20	7 00	281 73
Page, Porter F.	262 20	10 58	10 00	262 78
Puffer, Rev. Stephen	58 19	2 34		60 53
Peckham, Horatio	54 47	2 20	1 50	55 17
Raymond, Abijah H.	107 55	4 34	2 50	109 39

	Jan. 1, 1932.	Income.	Withdrawn & Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1933
Ray, Ivers	\$137 69	\$5 54	\$10 25	\$132 98
Ray, Hiram	118 91	4 78	2 00	121 69
Rice, Wm. S.	105 70	4 26	3 00	106 96
Rider, Wm. D.	106 93	4 32	2 00	109 25
Saunders, Amos	106 93	4 32	2 00	109 25
Sawin, Otis W. & L. Ashton	211 75	8 85	2 50	218 10
Seaver, Silas W. & Geo. C. Baker	81 86	3 40	6 00	79 26
Smith, Sarah B.	63 90	2 56	2 00	64 46
Simonds, Charles A.	105 31	4 39	2 00	107 70
Stearns, Sarah H.	119 45	4 80	2 50	121 75
Spaulding and Rugg	240 25	9 70	30 00	219 95
Sprague, Samuel H.	106 13	4 43	3 00	107 56
Upton, George C.	985 17	41 26	16 00	1,010 43
Walton, Joseph L.	54 47	2 20	5 00	51 67
Wetherbee, Lina W.	116 38	4 70	3 00	118 08
Wood, Charles P.	35 70	1 43		37 13
Woodbury, Joseph	103 27	4 18	3 00	104 45
Whitney, Stillman	103 56	4 31	2 00	105 87
Whitney, John	145 04	6 06	35 00	116 10
Ware, Abigail E.	240 35	10 05	6 00	244 40
Whipple and Hackett	112 71	4 52	12 00	105 23
Wyman, Sophia L.	141 08	5 68	3 00	143 76
Wyman, Benjamin	204 52	8 54	6 00	207 06
Wheeler, Delia A.	57 58	2 32	2 00	57 90
Whitney, Malcom R.	114 45	4 62	10 25	109 02
Whitman, Fred S.	520 81	21 02	34 50	507 33
Whitney, Warren A.	107 17	4 47	4 00	107 64
Young, Fidelia Sawin	62 22	2 50	1 00	63 72
New funds in 1932.				
Lynde, John & Lucy (increase)	100 00			100 00
Howard, Nellie	50 00			50 00
Battles, George A.	100 00	1 33		101 33
Baker, Eber & Eunice	100 00	67		100 67
Ballou—Goodfellow	100 00	1 67	2 00	99 67
Clark, H. M. & F. E.	100 00	2 68		102 68
Carr, George W.	100 00	1 33		101 33

Withdrawn

	Jan. 1, 1932.	Income.	& Expen'd.	Jan. 1, 1933
Howard, Nathan	161 24	4 87		166 11
Howard, Joseph	161 23	4 39	23 00	142 62
Hicks, Carrie E.	50 00			50 00
Total				\$18,192 82

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO,

Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Four quarterly meetings have been held for the transaction of business. The outstanding matters to be reported are:—

1. The visit of Miss Jones and helper, from the Library Bureau, who went through the stacks to eliminate books which could be dispensed with, or were obsolete, to thus make room for new.

Magazines are to be kept on file three years, each year, therefore, there is to be a discarding.

2. The Library building has been given a thorough cleaning, up-stairs and down.

3. The stack room has been painted, and is much lighter.

4. Some new shades have been purchased for the reading room.

5. The Library has been made the beneficiary of \$2,000 from the estate of Mr. Daniel W. Sanders.

6. Again the lighted Christmas tree has added to the beauty of the Yule-tide.

7. The Library has received a large donation of Finnish books from the Fitchburg Library. Mrs. Sophie Luoma has translated the title pages of these for the Library, and reports a good grade of literature, which is being appreciated by our Finnish citizens.

8. The book committee has made it possible for a large number of books to be furnished for the Baptist and Congregationalist Mission Circles. Because of access to these, the Baptist Circle has this year won the silver vase which the State offered for the highest number of points. These books are also used for reference in the public schools.

The Trustees extend a vote of thanks to all who have remembered the Library with gifts of books, magazines, pictures or other articles of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO, CYRUS T. MILLER,

LUCY MILTON GILES, IDA E. MERRIAM,

SARAH J. WYMAN, MAURICE P. BILLINGS,

Trustees.

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1932. Never, in the history of the library, have we had so many people to serve, nor so many demands for books and material on many subjects.

Numbers of books have been borrowed from other libraries, and loan collections of books in Finnish and Italian are received from the State Division of Public Libraries. Many volumes have been rebound and others will need to be replaced. Very few books have been purchased but these have been carefully selected and are very satisfactory.

Forty per cent of the pupils who attend the Fitchburg and Gardner schools are honor pupils. All of their reference work is done at the library. Many books are needed for their use, also for the grades reading lists. The circulation shows a large gain over previous years. The reading rooms are in constant use and the museum has many visitors from out of town.

The schools come to the library for instruction and during the summer vacation a story hour was conducted by Miss Maude McGee.

An interesting poster exhibit was loaned by the center schools. The Girl Scouts displayed many hand-made garments which were later devoted to relief work, and the 4-H Club supplied a fine collection of canned goods. Loan collections of pictures have also been displayed. May 21, the library held a reception for George and Martha Washington, hand-made dolls, loaned by, and who later traveled to France with, Miss Lillian A. McAllister. An exhibit of colonial articles was arranged in the reference room. The ladies of the Board of Trustees served as hostesses and about 150 guests were received. Three beautiful oil paintings have been presented to the library by the artist, Mr. G. W. Beaman, a native of this town, whose studio is in East Princeton

LIBRARY STATISTICS.

Days open	105
Smallest daily circulation, June 15	74
Largest daily circulation, Nov. 30	258
Average daily circulation	155
Library circulation	15,930
3 School deposits, circulation	860
Total circulation	16,290
Gain over last year 9%	1,311
Circulation per capita	8
Number of volumes added by purchase	167
Number of volumes added by gift, English	49
Number of volumes added by gift, Finnish	630
Total number of volumes added	846

GIFTS.

Three oil paintings,	Mr. G. W. Beaman
Portrait of Mr. Nathan Whitney and sketch of life of Dr. Charles M. Page,	Mr. Parkhurst Page
Shell used in Civil War,	Mr. Carl Mansur

BOOKS.

1 volume,	Miss Doris Cummings
2 volumes,	Mr. Roy Stockwell
10 volumes,	Mrs. C. B. Dawley
34 volumes,	Mr. and Mrs. L. W. French
2 copies, "Hoover and his times," from the author,	Mr. Edwin Emerson
630 volumes in Finnish, The Finnish Temperance Society, through the Fitchburg Public Library.	

PERIODICALS.

The Baptist, Rev. Drew T. Wyman, Christian Leader, Universalist Ladies' Social Circle, Christian Science Journal, Monitor and Sentinal, From the Fitchburg Society, through Mrs. Terrell. Congregationalist,

Congregational Church, Missions, Baptist Mission Circle, Watchman-Examiner and Farm Journal, Mrs. F. A. Merriam. Trailmaker. Clover Leaf Troop One, Girl Scouts. The American Child, Christian Century, Child Labor Bulletin, Highroad, Spellman Messenger, Tufts College Graduate, Industrial Student, M. A. C. Alumni Bulletin, Rev. Lucy Milton Giles. Triumphs of Faith, Miss E. M. Wright. The Cathedral Age, Mrs. John Sargent. Community planning for homeless men and boys, and messages and reports, From the President's Organization on Unemployment Relief.

36 volumes, The National Geographic Magazine, Miss E. E. Earle. Bell Telephone Quarterly, Tycos Rochester, American Issue, Humane Review, Living Tissue, Mazdaznan, National Republic, Our Dumb Animals, Understanding the Child, New England Poultryman, From the Publishers.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to the Trustees and to Miss Harrington for their kindness and cooperation, and to Mrs. L. B. Gilson for the reviewing of books.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH F. GREENE,

Librarian.

Selectmen's Appropriation Recommendations 1933

Approved by Finance Committee.

General Government.

Salaries of Town Officers and expenses	\$2,000 00
Town Hall maintenance	1,000 00

Protection of Persons and Property.

Constable	500 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	60 00
Tree Warden	25 00
Liability Insurance	500 00
Gypsy Moth	562 95

Health and Sanitation.

Board of Health	1,000 00
Tuberculosis Assessment	345 56
Dental Clinic	75 00

Highways.

General Repairs, under Chapter 81	3,080 00
Snow and Ice, (highways)	1,500 00
Snow and Ice, (sidewalks)	100 00
Bridges	250 00
Ashburnham Road, Chap. 90 (rebuilding)	1,500 00
Gate House or Leino Park Road (rebuilding)	750 00
Maintenance of C-90	1,000 00
(Providing State re-imburses same amount)	
Watering tubs and guide boards	50 00
Street lighting	1,340 04

Charities.

State Aid	120 00
Soldiers' Relief	1,000 00
Board of Public Welfare	4,000 00
Old Age Assistance	2,000 00

Schools.

(Including amount from State)	\$33,434 75
Trade or Vocational School	900 00

Forbush Library.

Dog fund and	1,000 00
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Cemeteries.

1,400 00

Interest Payments.

1,400 00

Fire engine note (Excess and Deficiency)	1,000 00
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Unclassified.

Care of Town Clock	20 00
Memorial Day and care of Monument	125 00
World War Memorial	75 00
Printing Town Reports	258 50
Miscellaneous	300 00
Worcester County Sanatorium (initial payment 1933)	570 00
Hager Park	300 00
Reserve Fund	300 00
Machinery Fund	352 54

M. E. HANDLIN,

C. H. MANSUR,

C. L. SMITH,

Finance Committee.

LIST OF JURORS.

Arthur L. Bascomb, retired	William F. Percy, Blacksmith
Edward R. Miller, retired	James P. Dugan, Farmer
George L. Dawley, Manufacturer	Edward J. Rice, Salesman
Charles A. Hicks, Carpenter	Richard W. Ahlin, Accountant
Frank S. Smith, Farmer	Frank W. Fenno, Banker
Lucius W. French, Salesman	Wallace D. Flagg, Laborer
Ralph E. Roper, Farmer	Philip Hills, Machinist
Frank W. Derby, Book-keeper	James Adams, Insurance Agent
Royal L. Frye, retired	Edgar E. Fenno, Merchant
Roland C. Houghton, Salesman	William A. Shay, Salesman

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westminster, in the County aforesaid: *GREETING:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Westminster, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Westminster, on Monday the sixth day of March, 1933, at Six o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year or terms of three years, all to be voted for on one ballot in accordance with the requirements of law relating to official ballots in Towns, the polls to be opened at six o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at three o'clock in the afternoon. The business session will be adjourned to Saturday, March 11, at one o'clock, P. M.

Art. 2. To see what compensation the Town will allow the Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, and determine the terms upon which they shall be collected, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Collector of Taxes to use all means for collecting Taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1933, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To choose all necessary committees for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To hear the reports of any Committee appointed by the Town and act thereon,

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to choose a director of boys' and girls' club work in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 128, Gen. Laws, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100, or any part thereof for the purchase of Forest Fire equipment, one-half of which will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75. for playground equipment for the Upton School.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept a bequest from the will of the late Joseph R. Barrell.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,820 for the purpose of paying the Town's share of the cost of providing the Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital, the assessment therefor having already been duly made against the Town. Determine whether all or any part of said assessment be funded as authorized by Chapter 111 of the Acts of 1932, and for what period, not exceeding fifteen years, direct the Town Clerk to file with the County Commissioners, promptly, a copy of such vote as may be passed under this article, and any other papers requested, or to take any action in relation to the subject matter hereof.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to reduce the street lighting expense approximately \$300. by discontinuing the lighting service after 1.00 o'clock, A. M., and removing some lights now in use.

Art. 14. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the following departments: General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, Health and Sanitation, Highways, Charities, Schools, Library, Cemeteries, Interest Payments, Payment of Debt, and Unclassified.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to set up its own Municipal Electric Light Plant by constructing a new pole line or by purchasing the present one from the Gardner Electric Light Company and appropriate the money for the same by borrowing it on time payment notes, or take any action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office and Town Hall in said Town, seven days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three.

PHILIP H. LOUGHLIN,
LUCIUS W. FRENCH,
RICHARD W. AHLIN,

A true copy, attest:

Selectmen of Westminster.

HAROLD A. TOWLE,

Constable of Westminster.

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